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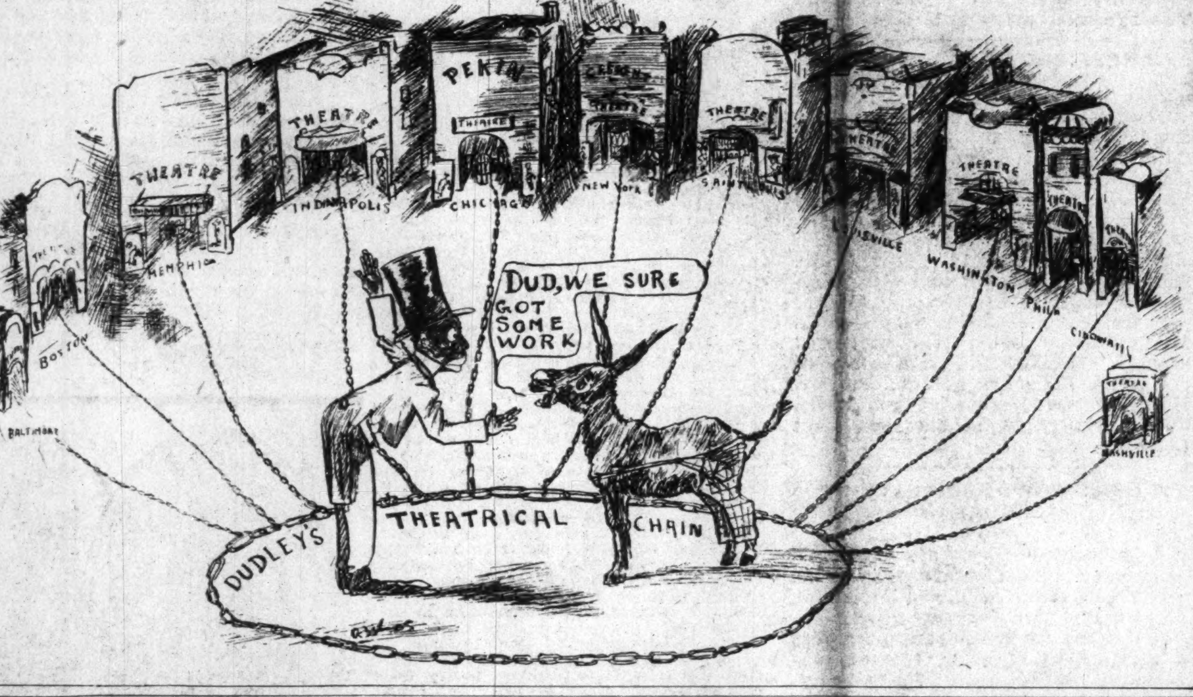

PAST WEEK AT LOUISVILLE

CUBS' BASE BALL ASSOCIATION RO-ORGANIZED

K. OF P. GRAND CHANCELLORSHIP RACE

Douglass Literary Club Holds Interesting Meeting—The Cane Club Dance a Social Hit—Many New Projects Launched.

By Lee L. Brown.
(1006 West Chestnut Street.)

LOUISVILE, Ky., Special.

The Louisville Cubs baseball association has rcorganized and at the last moment have decided to play again next season. This will be good news to the fans who were feeling a little blue because the news had gone out that there would not be any colored baseball games in Louisville during the coming season.

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The race for grand chancellorship of the K. of P. Lodge is now on in earnest. During the last week two new candidates have sprung into existence, one hailing from this city. We are not authorized to call his name. All of the gentlemen who are aspiring for this very important position are competent to hold it, and would no doubt make excellent records. If Prof. H. F. Jones, the present chancellor, is re-elected, it will have to be by two-thirds vote. A number of his followers say that he will receive the necessary vote, while others doubt it, but admit that the race will be a close one. Sir Knight Diggs, who has been highly indorsed by prominent Pythians from all over the State, promises to be a live wire in the final count. Sir Knight Garvin, a well-known gentleman in Pythian circles, and who has held a number of very important positions, will be in the race until the end. The unannounced candidate from Louisville has very little to say, writes very few letters, issues no announcements, yet he has a number of stanch friends scattered over the State, who are working night and day for their choice. This person is a very prominent professional man of Louisville. Do you know him? Of course, a dark horse is likely to spring up in the Bluegrass regions at any time. Those boys are fighteres, and usually enter a contest to win. They will bear watching. The race for grand keeper of records and seals promises to be very interesting also. Aside from the present officer, it seems that the most prominent opponent that has come to our notice is a well-known gentleman of Frankfort, a member of the Uniform Rank. The slogan, "On to Bowling Green," will soon be heard all over the State.

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The Douglass Social and Literary Club, commonly called the Letter Carriers' Club, held a very interesting meeting in the library lecture room, Sunday afternoon. Oratory, wit and wisdom flowed unchecked from sources hitherto unsuspected. Mr. G. L. Cheatam waxed very eloquent on the "Possibilities of the Young Negro," declaring that education and true manliness were the necessary things. Mr. C. H. Platte, more of the lawyer than the letter carrier, spoke in true legal style on "Our Civil Rights." This effort alone foretells this young man's chances at the bar are great. Mr. Ben S. Winlock pictured a glorious future for the race in his paper, "In Which Direction Are We Moving?" He brought his listeners from emancipation to the present day, and his eloquent prophecies carried them off their feet. This meeting proves that the organization will become a power in local affairs. Mr. J. H. Butcher, the president, was sent as delegate to the Negro Outlook Committee meeting.

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The leading social event of the week was the much-talked-of Cane Club dance, given last Thursday evening at the Odd Fellows' Hall. Nearly 500 invitations were issued. Those who responded were almost a different set of persons from those who attended the normal promenade. The hall was artistically decorated in colors of the club. Scattered all around the hall were potted plants. A decoration in the shape of a horseshoe dotted with electric light bulbs attracted a great deal of attention. The electric lights which hung all around the room were covered with Oriental lanterns. These unique decorations, coupled with the very handsome gowns worn by the young ladies of Louisville's younger social set, helped to make this affair an enjoyable event. There were quite a number of persons who were present who did not take a part in the tripping of the light fantastic toe. Mingled with the crowds could be seen a few of the older social set, who took a part in the dances. They realized, after the grand march, which lasted nearly thirty minutes, that they could not keep pace with the younger set, for after this ordeal a few were seen to seek secluded spots in order to take a moment's rest, while the others were as fresh as ever. Throughout the evening youth reigned supreme. The absence of a number of young men and ladies who usually are present on such occasions was noticed. The air was filled with the fragrance of sweet flowers, which were in the hands of the ladies. The order was very excellent. The music by the orchestra and the number of dances were very select indeed. Each person present behave in the most polite way. On the outside nearly fifty carriages, electrics and taxicabs waited for the guests. After it was all over, and the hour hand pointed almost to 2 o'clock, we made our way towards home. The young men who are the members of this club are to be congratulated for this very high-class reception. These young men are thrifty and ever on the alert to be numbered among the progressive young men of Louisville. Quite a number of them hold very responsible positions. Last fall they stood at the top when the local football season closed.

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Never before have the young men of Louisville been so enthused over the forming of new business enterprises. Every week some new project is launched. In conversation with a number of progressive young men that they seem to be tired of wearing the yoke, that is they have in former days placed all their hopes in certain leaders, who, like to always have the honor of organizing a project which usually dies soon after organization for the lack of attention. The young men of Louisville are anxious to promote some new enterprise that will serve to reflect credit upon them in days to come. Some of the recent organizations launched we might make mention of the Lookout Committee, the New Co-Operative Grocery Company, the Douglass Coal Company and several other organizations.

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Jack Johnson, the heavyweight champion, is scheduled to appear at one of the local theaters in the near future.

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Dr. Wilson Ballard stopped over for a few days in this city en route to his post in Monrovia.

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Miss Mary Charles Ellis, of Frankfort, Ky., was in the city last week sojourning among friends.

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The society folks are looking forward to the Easter dance to be given by the members of the Crimson Star club.

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In the oratorical contest this week the Central High School representative carried away first honors.

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Master Harold Smith Watson, of Cincinnati, O., is visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Jordon, of 1402 West Madison street.

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We have accepted the agency for the Pythian Monitor, published at Cincinnati, O. Will also contribute items of interest to the Kentucky Pythians.

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We will pay a visit to all of the city schools in the near future. We will report our visit in the columns of this paper. The first school that we will visit will be the Eastern, located at Jackson and Breckinridge, of which Prof. A. E. Meyzeek is principal.

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We have just received a letter from Mr. C. W. McElroy, formerly of this city, who has established a first-class tailoring shop in French Lick Springs, Ind. Mr. McElroy has a similar establishment in this city. We know that he will make good in the Hoosier State.

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A week ago the city officers commenced a private investigation upon the resort located on Tenth street, near Broadway. Just what the results will be we are unable to say. It is the hope of all good thinking people that this place will be closed up.

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There will be a great bazaar at the Armory May 21, 22, 23 and 24, for the purpose of raising money to pay off the debt on the Colored Orphans' Home, caused by the building of new streets. Many of the clubs and fraternal organizations have signified their intention to assist in making this bazaar a success. The public should assist the board in this worthy enterprise.

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In last week's issue of The Freeman there appeared an article written by our good friend Tolbert, of Frankfort, who is the correspondent of The Freeman, in which he states that he has received a number of letters suggesting our name as a candidate for the presidency of the Colored Press Association, which is to be organized in the near future. We appreciate these kind words. Roosevelt-like, "we are not seeking the position, but would accept it if our friends desired us.

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There is an unfortunate rumor that is floating around the city in reference to the actions of a very prominent minister who is pastor of a very popular church in the West End. We cannot vouch for the truth of this rumor, yet we have found upon investigation that there is a vacant pulpit in the West End. The Ministerial Alliance in which the brother is a member should make a thorough investigation and if the rumors are found to be true they should go on record as condemning his actions.

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We are almost ready to accept the very kind invitation of Tolbert, our friend who handles The Freeman in Frankfort, to visit that city and take note of the many new enterprises that have been launched since our last visit. Tolbert is a hustler, and deserves great credit for his earnest work in securing a large number of readers for The Freeman.

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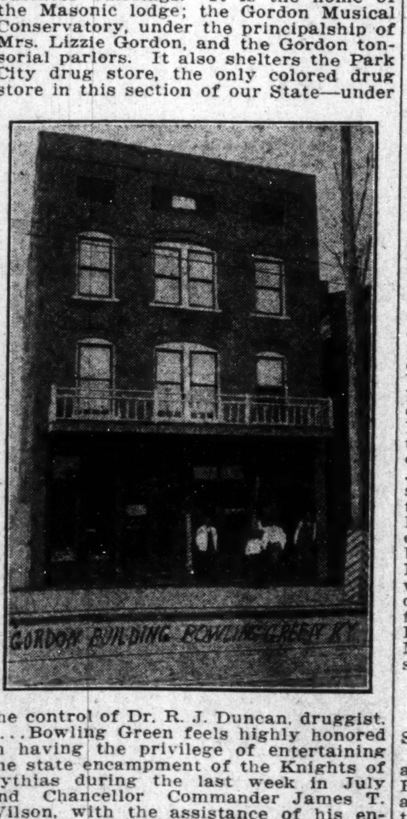
For the past two weeks we have asked that the colored business men of Kentucky would spare enough of their valuable time to send us a card containing their names, business engaged in, length of time engaged in business, and addresses. From the replies received, one would think there was only one in the State. We received one reply, and that was from Mr. Henry Edison, an undertaker, formerly with the Watson undertaking establishment of this city, but now located in Lexington. This call applies to every county in Kentucky.

BOWLING GREEN, KY.

The Gordon Building a Splendid Property—K. of P. Encampment. News in General.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The accompanying cut is of the Gordon building, located on Main street, just a half block from Fountain Square. It is the property of John L. Gordon and his wife, Lizzie (Wilson) Gordon, and it compares favorably in every respect with any of our best Main street business buildings. It is the home of the Masonic lodge; the Gordon Musical Conservatory, under the principalship of Mrs. Lizzie Gordon, and the Gordon tonsorial parlors. It also shelters the Park City drug store, the only colored drug store in this section of our State—under the control of Dr. R. J. Duncan, druggist. ....Bowling Green feels highly honored in having the privilege of entertaining the state encampment of the Knights of Pythias during the last week in July and Chancellor Commander James T. Wilson, with the assistance of his encampment committees, hopes to make this the most successful encampment ever held in the State . We are expecting five hundred Sir Knights with their families and friends, as well as the great host of ex-Bowling Greenians, who could not find a more appropriate time for a home-coming. The baseball park has been secured for camp and dress parade ground. The members of Diamond Lodge and Pride of Warren U. R. are all working like trojans in order that success may be assured. Mr. Geo. R. Vass, Jr., the newly elected captain of Pride of Warren, U. R. K. of P., has just reached the voting age, and bears the distinction of being the youngest K. of P. captain in the State....The Washington birthday banquet, given at Gordon hall on the evening of February 22nd, was a delightful affair. Those present were Misses Clay, Taylor, Lewis, Gordon, Ewing, Williams, Anthony and Porter, Messrs. Lilliard, Roberts, Hall, Cosby, Starks, McCauley, Terry, Hubert & Mason Williams, Ashford, Gordon, Master Ezell Gordon and Theodore Duncan. Prof. Henry Dial's orchestra furnished music for the occasion...... Miss Nettie Harding, our graduate trained nurse, attended the clinic recently held in Nashville by Dr. Dan Williams, surgeon, of Chicago..Ed. Briggs, one of our old home boys, who now resides in Hamilton, Montana, is here on a business trip and is having a great time. He expects to return in March.. ..Mr. R. W. Slaughter, of Indianapolis, is visiting Miss Mary E. McFarren, of 816 Scott street....Rev. G. W. Givens, grand chief of the Good Samaritan order, was in the city on business pertaining to the order....Percy Vaughntree, who suffered an attack of rheumatism, is out on crutches, circulating among friends....Prof F. S. Coleman and wife have bought them a $1,500 home in the western suburbs of the city ....Rev. Robert Mitchell, pastor of the State Street Baptist church and moderator of the Kentucky State Baptist Association, held a two weeks' successful revival meeting etaoin etaoin the..O ful meeting in Green Street Baptist church in Louisville, formerly pastored by the late Dr. Gaddie....Among our subscribers the following persons are sick: Mr. Floyd Curd, Miss Lena Jackson, Mrs. H. D. Carpenter, Dr. O. D. Porter....Most of our local churches are now conducting protracted meetings....The Freeman can always be found at the Park City drug store. Please send or telephone your news. Phone 735. All news received on or before Sunday will come out on the following Saturday.



LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Dr. W. L. Lauderdale, president of the Great Southern Home Industrial Association, of Birmingham, Ala., was in the city several days this week....Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Young entertained the Lotus Club at their palatial home on Sixteenth and High streets, last Friday night.... The Tuskegee Club held an interesting meeting at the home of Mr. M. Birch, on Eighteenth and Wolf streets, last Sunday afternoon....The Republican State Central Committee will meet at the Lincoln Club rooms, at Ninth and Main, on the 26th inst., to fix a date and arrange for the State convention and other matters of a political nature....Mr. George Robinson, one of our leading citizens, died early Sunday morning at his home, 1404 West Eighteenth street. Funeral was largely attended from the First Baptist Church, Tuesday...."The Problem of the Race" was the subject for discussion at the Woman's Missionary Society meeting of the Wesley M. E. Church, held at Mrs. James Butler's, on Eighteenth and George streets, Tuesday afternoon. A very interesting program, indeed....Mrs. Addie Daniels passed through the city last week en route from her home in Alabama to Hot Springs....Master Andrew Alphonse Berry sells The Freeman. Leave orders with Dr. Foster, at Foster's drug store, or at the 400 Club....Mrs. Lula Hodges' funeral was largely attended from the First Baptist Church, last Tuesday.... Master W. E. Miller, from Elerson, Ark., spent Saturday and Sunday in the city.

MERIDIAN MISS.

SPECIAL TO THE FREEMAN.

Rev. D. F. Muffe, a returned missionary from Africa, spoke at New Hope Baptist Church, Sunday night, March 3, at 8 o'clock. Rev. L. S. Lee is the pastor of this church. Rev. Muffe is an able talker. He gave a good account of his five years' services in the jungles and of the natives....A great many people who went to New Orleans and Mobile to see the Mardi Gras festivals have returned home, much pleased.... The Mississippi Monitor has made its appearance again. We wish the new paper great success....The funeral of Mrs. Mattie Barnes was held at St. Paul M. E. Church on February 22, at 11 a. m. Rev. Price conducted the services. Interment at the Masonic Cemetery, by the Eastern Star Chapter.....Madame Hackley made her appearance at the Academy on February 27....The colored library is rapidly going up on the corner of Thirteenth street and Twenty-eighth avenue. It is small, but neat.

AT KENTUCKY'S CAPITAL.

L. R. DIGGS MENTIONED FOR GRAND CHANCELLOR

ORGANIZATION OF POLITICAL CLUBS

Many Persons Claimed by the Grim Reaper—Prof Anderson Seeks an Appropriation—Social and Personal News.

By Hardin Tolbert.

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Special).—Lawyer L. R. Diggs, of Georgetown, is being mentioned in the prominent Pythian circles for grand chancellor of the United order of Kentucky. Lawyer Diggs has been one of the prominent figures in the order for several years, and has efficiently acquitted himself with every detail of the working of the order, and is in possession of the high executive ability which would make him competent to fill this high position with credit to himself and honor to the Knights of Pythias. We feel safe in predicting that Lawyer Diggs will receive the hearty support of every Knight as an approval of his sterling worth and effort in fostering the great cause of Pythianism in this, our imperial State of Kentucky. Lawyer Diggs has the whole of central Kentucky at his command. We are putting forth every effort to get this worthy, energetic young man to win what duly belongs to a man of such ability, and hope that every true Knight of Pythias will first consider the man and not the personal feeling that they have for some friend whom they might like a little better than Lawyer Diggs, and be broad in their conception and give honor to whom honor is due, and in doing that, we are sure that Lawyer Diggs will be our grand chancellor for the year to come.

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A large number of young men met at the Frankfort Pressing Club and organized a Franklin County Colored Roosevelt Club. Much enthusiasm was manifested by those present and a temporary organizatio nwas decided upon. Short talks were made and all expressed their intention of carrying the Franklin county convention for Roosevelt. The plans were perfected for a public meeting at the Odd Fellows' hall Tuesday night, March 5. George W. Martin, a successful young business man was elected president and Otta W. Stelle, secretary. A petition has been carried around and through the influence of these leaders hundreds of men have signed it and they are still in the field to get more to join this great cause. Roosevelt is the man that seems to dominate the young and progressive men of this city, and they express a great hope that this county will go for Roosevelt, notwithstanding the opposition.

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We are sad, indeed, to pote the deaths of so many of our prominent citizens. Mrs. Addie Smith, of Franklin county, a most prominent pioneer citizen passed away from us after a very short illness. She was one of the founders of the Corinthian Baptist church, of which Rev. E. J. Jackson is rector. Mrs. Smith was highly appreciated by all of her friends and her children's friends, who stood so high in the first-class society circles, which drew a host of friends to mourn her death. The writer can say with all candor that Mrs. Smith was always at her post of duty at the worthy house of the Lord. The condition of the weather was no hindrance to her faithful work, and judging the future by the past, she is one of the angels around the throne of the Almighty.

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Mrs. Ann Jackson, who died in Louisville, was the sister of Mrs. Annie Gateward, of Logan street, this city. The funeral was held at the First Baptist church, of which Rev. W. T. Silvey is pastor. Mrs. Jackson had been away from this city for several years, but the way the people turned out to hear the services and see the last of the remains, showed a high appreciation for her good works while in this city. All of the old citizens knew her well, as she had been in their midst for years, and there was not standing room in the First Baptist church on Sunday, March 3, when the funeral was held.

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Mr. Bush Marshall, a respectable citizen, died at his residence on Second street. He was highly respected by all who knew him best. Mr. Marshall was an upright and honest man and he did all in his power and to the best of his ability, to help the cause of the Almighty, and all of his friends knew of the worthy things which he always tried to do and remembered him at his death, and these are some of the strongest points to know that this man is in his Father's kingdom.

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Prof. D. H. Anderson, one of our old school masters, who is president of the Western Kentucky Institute for Colored Children, which is located at Paducah, Ky., is in the city making a strong effort to have the bill passed to give that institution $10,000, and $2,500 annually. This school serves the children in the western part of the State who can not reach the schools so handy as those in the central part of the State.

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Miss Middie Washington, the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Washington, of Wilkerson street, passed away. The corpse of the beloved little infant resembled the picture of an angel. Not one thing to grieve about, because the sweet little infant was sleeping in the arms of Jesus when the last breath went out of her body in this world, just as innocent as a lamb, and just as pure as aflake of snow. Rev. T. A. Thompson, of the A. M. E. church, preached the dear little angel's funeral. Rev. Thompson did not have to say but a few words, because he knew that the little girl was safe in the other world.

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Mrs. E. Blackburn was called to Cincinnati on account of the illness of her daughter.

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Miss Alice Womach, an attractive young lady of Shelbyville, was in the city the guest of Mrs. M. P. Madison.

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Misses Pearl and Virginia Warren, of Farmdale, were the guests of Mrs. Jacob Warren on Second street.

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Misses Annie and Lucy Whittaker left for Cincinnati, to make it their future home, and Mr. George Whittaker will leave in a few weeks.

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Miss Cassie Weisiger will leave for Hampton Institute to take a special course in sewing and music.

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Prof. Garvin, principal of the Winchester public schools, spent a few days in the city on business.

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The Freeman is on sale at the People's pharmacy, the most popular place in the city.

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Mrs. B. F. Allen, of Louisville, spent a day in the city on business.

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Mr. Harrison Young, of Shelbyville, was called to the city on account of the illness of his sister.

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Mrs. E. C. Davis, a hair shampooer of Swica, Ky., was in the city on business.

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Mr. Charles A. Powell, of Detroit, Mich., the private secretary of Prof. Anderson, is in the city.

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Mr. Frank Johnson and wife will leave soon to take up some government land in Oregon. Many friends express regret at their going.

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Mrs. Mary Robert, Lillian Dean and Messrs. S. Dopson J. Jackson and John Hampton were in the city to attend the funeral of Mrs. Ann Jackson.

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To the surprise of many, a nine-pound baby was born in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Williams, whose name shall be Master Samuel Tryler Williams.

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The Taft Club is laying a little quiet. They are coming out by slow degrees, but there is a great hope that when these two clubs do get in full bloom, there will be something doing between them.

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Mrs. R. L. Harper's one-year-old daughter passed away at the residence of Mrs. Belle Shelton, on Church street. The sweet little baby passed to the Great Beyond with but very few pains. A quiet funeral was held for the infant.

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The coming of the "Smart Set" here was a terrible crush in society, as it was the first time in years that the theater was thrown open to colored people exclusively, and every fellow took his best girl, and every girl accepted her best fellow, ah men, wasn't it hard on you?

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Mr. Lee L. Brown, corerspondent-editor of the Metropolis column of this paper, seems to have a few optimistic views, in blowing his own horn concerning getting direct news. In last week's issue of this paper Mr. Brown tells his readers a lot of news about an auto party that left Frankfort. The news that was published was handed to your correspondent and the burden is on the other fellow. I am indeed glad that my old chum Brown, has decided to get direct news, because he missed it by a long jump when he wrote an article concerning the grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias a few weeks ago. I suppose you have been converted to the truth since then, and I am glad. "Nuf said."

PINE BLUFF, ARK.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

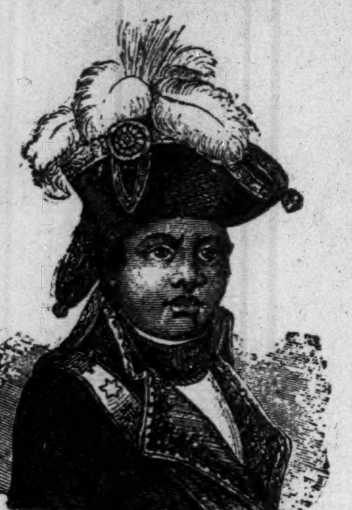
Leave orders for The Freeman at Malcom's barber shop, 322 State street, or with Mr. John Knowles, the popular mixologist at John E. Wells' saloon....Hon. A. L. Burnett, district commissioner, has been quite busy recently with pension matters....Pine Bluff has a new Negro paper, called The Colored Statesman, which, so we are informed, has absorbed the business of The Herald....Read The Freeman, the leading race journal..... Mr. J. M. Holland, carrier No. 7, of the local postoffice, has resumed work, after a fifteen days' vacation....Mr. Sam McDade spent a few days in Little Rock last week....Mr. A. W. Berry, the popular mail clerk on the Cotton Belt branch, will take your order for The Freeman, if you wish to subscribe....Mrs. Emma Render, secretary of The Colored Statesman, is convalescing, after a brief illness....Dr. W. W. Lucas, of Meridian, Miss., gave quite an interesting recital at Branch Normal last Friday night.... Mr. Leo Woods went to Little Rock on business last week....Prof. W. T. Taylor, of Branch Normal, visited Newport last week....A high-class concert was given at the Masonic Temple last Tuesday night for the benefit of St. James M. E. Church. Dr. F. T. Lytes was director.

TULSA, OKLA.

Special to The Freeman.

Mr. Jim Cherry made a flying trip to Quiedera College to visit his son Jasper. ....Rev. Caldwell returned to Tulsa to fill his pulpit on Sunday....Elder Washington, of the C. M. E. Church, is here to hold quarterly conference....Henry Wagoner is on the sick list....J. W. Vernon lectured at the A. M. E. Church Thursday night, to a crowded house. The collection amounted to $40....Mrs. F. Marten was called out of town on account of death....Mr. and Mrs. Washington have located in Tulsa....Rev. H. C. Caldwell buried his wife this week at Fort Smith, Ark......The churches were all packed Sunday....Mrs. E. L. Preston has moved to 509 North Greenwood street, in an eight-room cottage. ....See Griffin at the Star barber shop for The Freeman.

The Greatest Man on Earth Was A Negro Slave



Toussaint L'Ouverture.

"First in war, first in peace and first in the heart's of his countrymen," is a well known sentence that the admirer's of our country's greatest President gave him. But Toussaint L'Ouverture was greater than Napoleon as a warrior, the equal of Gladstone in brains, and unsurpassed by any living man in kindness, goodness and generosity to his own race whom he freed from the bonds of slavery. He never saw an army until forty years of age, yet he put to flight the proudest blood of Europe, the Spanish, and sent them home conquered; he fought the greatest country of Europe, the English, and cost that country the lives of fifty-five thousand men and one hundred million dollars; he fought the most formidable country of Europe, the French,(against Napoleon) costing France the lives of forty thousand men and fifty million dollars. The secret of Toussaint L'Ouverture, the worlds greatest Statesman, Soldier and Martyr's success has been revealed by a member of his own family. He claims that it was the Power of Magnetism produced by Toussaint having in his possesion two Loadstones instead of one. More information regarding these wonderful emblems of luck is told in a book entitled:,, The Loadstone, Mother Of Magnetisum" which was originally published to be sold for $1.00. On account of many mistakes of the printer, our readers can secure a copy of this wonderful book ABSOLUTELY FREE WHILE THEY LAST. Totake advantage of this splendid offer address the publishers;

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Looking forward to the annual spring number and baseball edition of The Freeman.

APPEALS TO LAWYERS ON BEHALF OF NEGRO

Attorney General Wickersham Attacks Ouster of Assistant From Bar Association.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A decision by the executive committee of the American Bar Association to oust William H. Lewis, a Negro and an Assistant Attorney General of the United States, from membership in the Bar Association, has aroused Attorney General Wickersham to the refense of his assistant. In a spirited letter sent to each of the 4,700 members of the association the Attorney General charges the executive committee with an arrogance of power unwarranted by the body's constitution, "in order to gratify a race prejudice entertained by some of its members."

The Attorney General points out that Lewis was elected after he had been regularly nominated and invited to join by the secretary of the association. He calls attention to the fact that the committee which elected Lewis went out of office and was succeeded by another committee containing two new members. It was the new committee, he adds, which took action.

Declares Action Unjust.

The action of the executive committee, he declares, can hardly be considered to tend to "uphold the honor of the profession of the law, and encourage cordial intercourse among the members of the bar. It certainly does not tend to promote the administration of justice."

Mr. Wickersham inclosed with each letter a postal card addressed to Geo. Whitelock, secretary of the American Bar Association, protesting against the committee's action and requesting its revocation. He asked every member disapproving of the course to sign the card.

Mr. Whitelock replied to a protest of Mr. Wickersham that none other than a member of the white race had ever been elected to membership in the association, and added that, as the committee had elected Lewis in the belief that he was of the white race, it was felt it could not do less than rescind its own action inadvertently taken. The committee had not decided, Mr. Whitelock added, that a Negro was ineligible for membership.

The Attorney General answered that "in the face of such outrageous action" he would appeal to the members.

Lewis was appointed by President Taft last year. He has been in charge of Indian depredations claims in the Department of Justice. Frequently he has been a White House caller and in attendance at the White House receptions.

POPULATION OF FLORIDA ACCORDING TO COLOR.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A preliminary statement of the white and Negro population of Florida, by counties and principal cities, as shown by the returns of the thirteenth decennial census, taken as of April 15, 1910, by Director Durand, of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce and Labor. The statistics were prepared under the direction of William C. Hunt, chief statistician for population in the Census Bureau, and are subject to later revision.

The total population of Florida in 1910 was subdivided as to color as follows: White, 443,646; Negro, 308,669; all other persons (Indians, and Chinese, Japanese and other Asiatics), 304. The equivalent figures for 1900 were: White, 297,333; Negro, 230,730; all other, 479. For 1890 they were: White, 224,949; Negro, 166,180; all other, 293.

The Negro population constituted 41 per cent. of the total population of the State in 1910, as against 43.7 per cent. in 1900 and 42.5 per cent. in 1890.

There has been an increase since 1900 in the Negro population of 77,939, or 33.8 per cent., as compared with an increase during the preceding decade of 64,550, or 38.8 per cent. From 1900 to 1910 the white population increased at a much greater rate than for the decade 1890 to 1900, the increase being, respectively, 146,313, or 49.2 per cent., as against 72,384, or 32.2 per cent.

Jacksonville city had a population in 1910 of 57,699, comprising 28,331 whites, 29,293 Negroes and 75 other persons (Indians, Chinese and Japanese). The equivalent figures for 1900 were: White, 12,158; Negro, 16,236; all other, 35. For 1890 they were: White, 7,372; Negro, 9,801; all other, 28.

The Negro population of Jacksonville constituted barely more than 50 per cent. (50.8) of the total in 1910, as against 57.1 per cent. in 1900 and 57 per cent. in 1890. The rate of increase in the whites from 1900 to 1910 more than doubled that of the preceding decade, the increase being 16,173, or 133 per cent., as against 4,786, or 64.9 per cent., from 1890 to 1900. The Negro population shows an increase of 13,057, or 80.4 per cent., from 1900 to 1910, as compared with an increase of 6,435, or 65.7 per cent., from 1890 to 1900.

CENTRALIA, ILL.

SPECIAL TO THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. S. Shaw, of Mt. Vernon, Ill., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. Louis. Also, Mrs. M. C. Murry, of Decatur, Ill., an aunt of Mrs. Louis, is a guest with the Louis family.... Mrs. Southers left here last Sunday for Chicago, Ill., to visit her daughter and son, who live in that city.... Miss G. Cannon is on the sick list.... Mr. Z. Offered is on the sick list.... Mr. B. Hinds gave a dance last Saturday night....The K. of P. held a grand entertainment the night of March 2....Mr. Melvin Brock, of St. Louis, Mo., was here Saturday and Sunday, visiting his brothers, Mr. W. Brock and Mr. D. Brock....Mrs. L. Hearns has just arrived home from Holly Springs, Miss., where she has been with her parents and sick sister....Mr. W. Solver, who works in the I. C. R. R. shop, says his name is Solver, and he expects to solve the strike soon....Mr. and Mrs. Hite gave a masquerade ball last Friday night. The ladies and gents were all in costumes....Mrs. Claybrook visited her parents at Elkville, Ill., last week....The M. C. S. Club met with Mr. E. G. Simpson last Friday evening and transacted some very important business. Afterwards they were treated to an elaborate repast.... Mr. Elias Simpson, of Chicago, Ill., is here visiting relatives and friends.... The C. W. I. Club met at the home of Mrs. R. Skinner. Only a few members were present, because of the inclement weather. A very delicious menu was served....Mrs. M. Porter left Wednesday night for Owensboro, Ky., where she will visit relatives and friends for a few days....Mrs. B. Coleman went to Jacksonville, Ill., this week, to visit old friends....The Masons met last Monday night.

HAWKINS, TEX.

By Garfield Dixon.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Hawkins is a thriving little town midway between the cities of Texarkana and Fort Worth. She has four churches and two public schools and several secret societies, viz., Masonic, Knights of Pythias, and the greatest of all secret societies among the colored people, known as the Knights and Daughters of Tabor. We also have here the biggest saw mill plant in east Texas, operated mostly by colored labor....Miss Mamie Golightly has been on the sick list....Knight Ed Addison will soon move into his commodious home....Miss Maggie Lane, of Tyler, has been visiting her sister here for the last week....The Methodist people are preparing for a great time on Easter....Mrs. Lizzie Dixon is very ill at her home....The place to get your hair cut in style is at Garfield Dixon's barber shop, on the West Side. There you will find The Freeman every Saturday.

SHEFFIELD (ALA.) NOTES.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Epworth League meets every Sunday evening at the C. M. E. Church, at 3:30. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.....Mrs. Josie Willingham died February 20, after five days of illness. She leaves a husband, two children, a sister and two brothers, Mr. D. W. and Major Shoemaker and Mrs. Georgia A. Murphy, of Decatur, Ala.... Mr. George Alexander, who lived a few miles out from this city, died Sunday, February 25. He was laid to rest with K. of P. honors......Mr. Henry Hampton, an aged gentleman, died February 26, at his home in Leighton, Ala.

A HOME FOR POOR SLAVE NEGROES.

A home for the Federation of North American Indians at Washington, D. C., is something new, and something also worthy. Mr. Carnegie gives $150,000 towards its maintenance, insuring a magnificent effort at further compensating the red man. He is deserving, but no more so than the Negro slaves, who contributed above two centuries of labor to the same country, contributed by the Indians. A remnant of the originally freed class lingers. They are in the sere and yellow leaf of life. The good white women of the South would erect a monument in memory of the old and faithful—a most touching thing to do. But what about their present condition?

A home in some peaceful valley, where is shut out the toil and moil of a distracting world, would not be too much for those that so faithfully served. These, now, old men, old women, who count their eighty, ninety, one hundred years, as a devotee mumbles her beads, should enter an earthly haven in the interest of the fulfillment of the beautiful proposition: "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." And in the interest of that beautiful sentiment, "Everything comes to those who wait." These are meek enough, and have waited long enough. Of course, we do not think of the lines in all their literalness, but at that, something is assured to those that wear themselves out serving.

We advance the theory now that in the years to come, when labor is not in such general demand, it will become the duty of State and the rich to have more care for those that serve. London, England, is an excellent example of a condition where the laborer greatly exceeds the demand for labor. Our developing West is different, but it cannot ever remain so. In time the State and the rich will find it necessary to support gigantic charitable institutions, as is the vogue in London.

As it is to-day, the laborer's wages do not permit him to save up for old age. Their salvation has been their lodges and the insurance companies, which institutions see them through sickness, in part, and care for them in death. The laborers and the colored people can well say, God bless the man that invented lodges and insurance companies. They, however, do not guarantee one a serene and joyous life through old age, the time most to be feared.

Without intent of intruding on the tenets of socialism, it does seem that the very fitness of things suggests restoration in part to the weak and helpless, by the rich and powerful, some part of the rich inheritance of the earth—the common home. It does look mean and malignant if a single individual dies in want, so long as there is opportunity to share a loaf of bread. There is no reason that millions should not be made by shrewd men, if making money is their passion, their business. The business genius is with us, as the literary genius, the genius of art—painting, sculpture, music. We who happen to be of these cults give back freely, to rich and to poor, practically without price. Silver nor gold have I none, said of the Christ. He gave what He had. Only the business genius holds on, as if his wealth was too good a thing to be common.

Mr. Carnegie has learned that his vast wealth, if gained of the people, should be held in trust for the people. He is merely the overlord of the treasury, who gives back by way of libraries, educational foundations, peace palaces and Indian beneficences.

The Negro has contributed largely to the possibility of Mr. Carnegie's thrift, to the possibility of Mr. Rockefeller's thrift, and without the compensation that goes to men ordinarily for their work. In the reflow of wealth, the redistribution, the Negroes should not be left out of the calculation. A home is due the remaining ex-slaves. Justice is quite as beautiful when displayed to these blacks. Let the day come when these freed from ashes and grime, and from the contempt of the age, are ushered into the city of their earthly bliss.

LANGSTON, OKLA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Tuesday we had one of the worst snowstorms we have had this winter. All west-bound trains were stopped.... President Page made a trip to Oklahoma City on business, this week....Prof. J. R. Johnson has gone to Muskogee to attend the State Teachers' Association meeting....Mr. and Mrs. Braux's little boy, Inman, who has been very sick, is better....The athletic spirit is very high now. The faculty has organized a baseball club....Watch The Freeman for the sporting news.

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Third.—As this is seemingly the age of class struggle for industrial and political rights, and knowing as we do the discrimination, we have labored under in the past, and are now laboring under and realizing the disadvantages of individual effort, we therefore resolve to unite ourselves to better enable us to co-operate our race with those of the Caucasian race who believe first, that God made all men, second, in all citizens of our government having the opportunity of enjoying all the rights and privileges, and the pursuits of happiness as laid down in the Constitution of our government equal.

Fourtr.—That no race can hope to grow strong financially nor industrially while divided, is a fact that cannot be denied. Therefore we resolve to teach our race the principles to the end, that we may share our part of the financial and industrial world.

Fifth.—The matter of time to labor is one of the greatest problems that civilization has to solve and define, but as man must of necessity divide the twenty-four hours allotted to day and night for work and rest, we therefore resolve to study that problem to enable us to keep pace with the demand of the age.

Sixth.—As capital and labor are the two great factors in the production of wealth, and as pleasure and happiness are the result of labor and capital, we therefore demand that our race study the problem of capital and labor, to the end that we may know and understand each of these factors' rightful positions.

Seventh.—Resolve to labor and use all honorable means to have all laws abrogated which prevent our race from enjoying full freedomship as any other race in this country and as laid down in the Constitution of our government.

Eighth.—Resolve to do everything in our power by fair means to destroy the color of racial lines in many of the trade unions that work such hardships on many men and women of our race, and thereby bring the industrial class in perfect love and harmony as otherwise it cannot be.

Ninth.—To educate our race to the value of a job, and the duty an employee owes his employer, that all classes of business men may not hesitate in giving to us what we merit.

Tenth.—To demand a better common school system for the education of our children, and to do all in our power to keep them in school until they attain the age of fourteen years.

Eleventh.—As ninety-six per cent of our race do manual labor, therefore be it resolved that we do all in our power to prove to all classes that our labor is worth as much as any other race or nationality in this country, and that we are determined to use all honorable means to accomplish this end, that we will be better able to support ourselves and families.

Twelfth.—That we are determined not to cease our efforts until we shall have secured peace and friendship with capital and labor, and the social virtues of all the good citizens of our country. That neither state nor church can find cause to deny our rights or will stand ildy by and permit one to do so. God being our guide we will follow.

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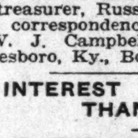

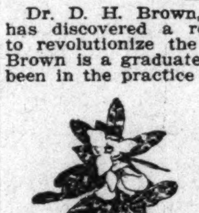

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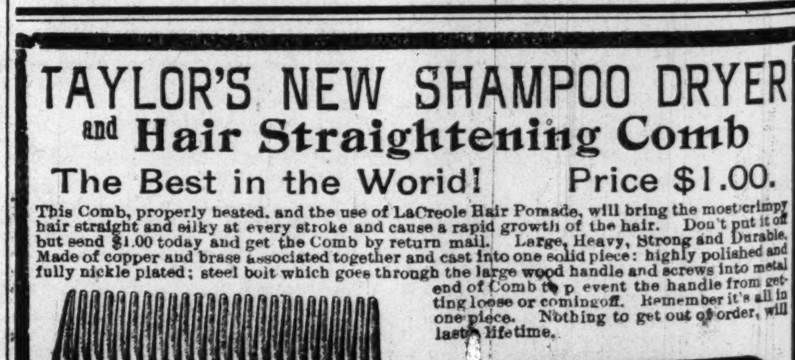

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Special

The colored lawyers of the capital are opposed to the recall of judges on the ground that adverse public sentiment in many sections would react to the detriment of the race, influencing men on the bench to aim for popularity rather than the right in deciding cases involving the Negro issue.

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The funeral of Rev. W. P. Gibbons, held at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, of which he was pastor, was one of the largest this city has ever known. The body laid in state during the forenoon of Monday, and on the following morning was taken to Charlottesville, Va., for interment. The services were conducted by Rev. W. Bishop Johnson, assisted by a score of well-known Baptist devines of the district. The deceased was a man of marked ability and is said to have amassed a considerable fortune by shrewd business investments.

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Many colored visitors are showing up daily at the Taft headquarters in the Raleigh Hotel. There is no semblance of a color line, although the hostelry is one of the capital's finest and most exclusive. Chairman McKinley, and Mr. Eversman, his assistant, and Mr. L. T. Vernon, the official publicity agent, are keeping "open house" and everybody is welcome.

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There seems to be no likelihood that the election of Messrs. Chase and Bradshaw as delegates to the Chicago convention will be seriously contested. They are irrevocably committed to the renomination of President Taft and will stick to their colors.

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The Mu-So-Lit Club held a special meeting Tuesday night at Martin's to cinsider plans relative to permanent quarters for the club. Several very desirable pieces of property have been offered to the organization and it is likely that one of them will be taken at an early date, with a view of purchasing eventually. As many men of quality has not been able to become members, owing to the quota being full, a movement has been started to raise the limit to 125 or 150.

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Some observant statistician has noticed that all three of the colored members of the board of education are Episcopalians. They are Mrs. Carrie Wilder Harris, Dr. W. V. Tunnell and Attorney R. R. Horner.

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Bishop Alfred Harding will confirm a large class at St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church on the 13th of March. Rector T. J. Brown is doing a splendid work at the church made famous by Dr. Alexander Crummell and Rev. Owen Meredith Waller. He is conceded to be one of the ablest pulpit orators in the denomination and is favorably mentioned in connection with the office of suffragan bishop, should the post be provided for at the forthcoming Episcopal convention.

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"The New Era," the organ of the colored democracy, is to be launched shortly. It is to be edited by N. B. Marshall and James L. Neill. Rev. S. L. Corrothers, pastor of Galbraith Church, is the head of the local branch of the National Negro Democratic League, which claims to have on its rolls 300,000 colored men in the pivotal states of the Union.

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Instead of the usual vespers last Sunday at Howard University the choir gave a special song service. Sacred songs, including a number of the greatest of church hymns, were rendered by the vested choir of fifty voices, under the leadership of Miss Lulu Vere Childers, directoress of music of the university.

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Mr. Ferdinand D. Lee, a high Mason, president of the Hampton Alumni Association of Washington and one of the most active agencies in the social and religious uplift of the capital, deserves unstinted credit for his admirable services in connection with the recent mass meeting of the Masonic fraternity, at which Dr. Booker T. Washington was the principal speaker. Mr. Lee assisted Most Worshipful Grand Master Weatherless as general manager, and the record-breaking attendance was due in no small degree to the expert advertising done by Mr. Lee and his publicity staff.

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Rev. A. C. Garner and Mr. Lewis E. Johnson were conspicuously identified in an official capacity with the recent eight days' campaign of the "Men and Religion Forward Movement," and stirred the colored citizens to strenuous activity. The ministers of the district are a unit in saying that this movement treated the colored brethren with greater liberality than has been true of any previous religious (?) campaign carried on this vicinity. The Christian forces of the community have somewhat redeemed themselves from the "bad break" made a year or so ago in excluding colored people from the grand parade of the World's Sunday School Convention.

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The Nurses' Home, erected ajoining Freedmen's hospital at a cost of $40,000, has been completed and awaits only the furnishing before being ready for occupancy by the nurses' corps. Freedmen's Hospital, under the careful guidance of Dr. W. A. Warfield, surgeon in chief, has been devoleped into the leading institution of its kind among negroes in the world, and one of the very best in America, regardless of color. It is under government control and no color line is drawn, but it generally allotted to the Negro, and offers an advantageous field for the advancement of the race in medicine, surgery, nurse-training and all of the allied medical s ciences. The plant is estimated to be worth $750,000. It is intimately associated in its work with the medical department of Howard University.

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In Washington there is a rule forbidding the sale of liquor to Indians. A number of saloon keepers are in trouble because two of our aboriginal ancestors went off a few days ago and celebrated in modern civilized fashion. The gentlemen in question bore the classical cognomens of "Bacon Rind" and "Red Eagle."

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The personal interview between President Taft and the committee representing the District Masonic Fraternity (Messrs. N. E. Weatherless and F. D. Lee), to invite the president to attend the Booker T. Washington meeting, was made possible by the friendly offices of Register J. C. Napier, who is always ready and willing thus to assist his people. Mr. Napier is a welcome visitor at the White House and remarks, with pardonable pride, that "the colored people are closer to the present administration than to any previous regime at the executive mansion."

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Draw yo' chairs up to de fire:
Now lay aside dem Chris-muss toys
While me tell ob lon' ago.
Susan! hear me! for de Lawed sake be still,
Stop slamin' dem pots 'round; an beatin' on dem pans,
Help dese chil'ens to gib attention, fur dis ain't no play.
When dey'd tell de mroarin' jokes,
An' by de fire side gather 'roun'
Toast de feet and wam de back,
Just befo' dey 'egin to leave.
An' on de Sabbath or in de midweek,
When dey would meet from house to house;
Sing dem good ol' fashin' hymns,
Say deir prayers an' shak deir hands.
When de winter's chillin' winds would
Roun' de corners turn, twirl and cry;
Den by de fire side reddened glow,
Was de ol' familiar han' shake ob lon' ago.

J. H. JOHNSON.

Muncie, Ind.

Dr. George C. Hall is to accompany Dr. Booker T. Washington on his trip through Florida.

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The College of Bishops of the C. M. E. Church has arranged to send seven representatives—one from each diocese—to attend the International Conference on the Negro, to be held at Tuskegee Institute April 17, 18 and 19.

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Atlanta, Ga.—The sixteenth Negro woman to be murdered on the streets here in a little more than twelve months was found one day of last week with her throat cut. The Negro population is greatly aroused and attributes the murders to what they call a "Jack, the Ripper."

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Lane College, Jackson, Tenn., will hold its Farmers' Conference February 29th and March 1st. The West Tennessee Colored Fair Association will give a great banquet complimentary to the members of the conference on Friday evening in the spacious dining hall of the college.

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After dividing a dollar among his fifteen children, Owen Gavin, colored, of Des Moines, Iowa, committed suicide February 18 by blowing off his head with a shotgun. Receipt of notice from the overseer of the poor to leave the county lest he become a charge upon it is given as the cause of his act.

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Washington. — Abraham Lincoln's birthday was marked in the senate by a favorable report on a bill to appropriate $50,000 for the aid of a Negro exposition next January in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the emancipation proclamation. Senator Root reported the bill with a report recommending its passage.

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Heroism of a Negro janitor at Louisville, Ky., Stewart Wade, who, not long since, ran his elevator to the top floor twice through the flames, saved the occupants of the fashionable six-story St. James apartment house from death when fire destroyed the structure about 2 o'clock one morning. Just as Wade finished his second trip the cable broke and the cage dropped to the floor of the basement. Seventy-five people were rendered homeless and driven into the zero temperature clad only in their night clothes. Nothing was saved and the loss was $100,000. Mrs. E. S. Collins, an elderly lady, sustained a broken leg by falling downstairs.

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Major Charles W. Filmore, who will head the New York Negro regiment, has been a soldier practically his whole life. When at the age of ten years he became marker in the Dugunne Blue, Ohio National Guards. He served in this capacity about five years and was honorably discharged. He has served as private and sergeant in the Ninth Battalion, infantry. Was commissioned first lieutenant in the Springfield cadets, and during the late Spanish-American war, he served as first lieutenant, adjutant and commandant of the Ninth United States Volunteer Infantry and was honorably discharged on account of illness.

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The Negro Society of Historical Research, Yonkers, N. Y., present the following names of Negroes of distinction:

Francis Williams, born 1700, poet, graduate of University Cambridge.

Anthony William Amo, doctor philosophy, University Wittenberg, 1720.

Richard Allen, founder first Negro church in America.

J. E. J. Captien, Latin poet, linguist, University Leyden, 1720.

Geoffrey L'Islet, botanist, member of French Academy Sciences, 1760.

Prince Hall, founder Negro Masonry in America, Boston.

Crispus Attucks, patriot and soldier, 1773, Boston.

Eustace, philanthropist, winner Monthyn prize of virtue, Santo Domingo.

Benjamin Bannaker, astronomer, born 1732, Baltimore.

Toussaint L'Overture, soldier and statesman, born 1743.

Alexander Dumas, novelist.

Alexander Poushkin, poet, Russia's "Black Byron."

Frederick Douglass, orator, diplomat and statesman.

Brindia de Sala, violinist, decorated by crowned heads of Europe (Cuban).

Sir Conrad Reeves, chief justice of Barbados, Knights of St. Michael's and St. George, Barbados, British West Indies.

Alexander Petion, civil engineer, Haiti.

Paul L. Dunbar, lyric poet.

John B. Russworm, editor first Negro newspaper in New York.

Martin R. Delaney, explorer, pournalist and physician.

Nathaniel Turner, Negro prophet.

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According to a statistical report by Ralph W. Tyler, there have been about twenty-nine Negro officials appointed or retained by President Taft, whose salaries total $89,400 per annum.

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When Major Chas. Young goes to Liberia, Africa, he will be accompanied by Dr. Wilson Ballard, of Louisville, Ky., Dr. Arthur Brown, of Chicago, and Mr. Richard Newton, of Washington, D. C. They will have military titles, and will be attached to the department of customs.

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Two Made One.

Special to The Freeman.

Mr. James Day, of the team of Gulfport and Day, and Miss Lucile Williams (non-professional) were united in marriage. Among those present were: Vance Lowry, the banjo king; Kid Jenkins, the well-known lightweight, of New York; Mr. Gulfport, the partner of Mr. Day; Rufus Greenlee, of the team of Greenlee and Keys; Mr. James Marshall, the understudy of the famous Dan Avery; the bride's mother, Mrs. Jones, was there with her rolling pin, ready to start on her crusade of keeping her son-in-law straight. Mrs. Eliza Anderson, the guardian of Mr. Day, and Mrs. Jones, at whose home the wedding took place, closed the reception by doing the turkey trot with Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Gulfport, to the strains of Vance Lowry's famous banjo. The reception took place at the home of the bride, No. 16 West 133d street, New York.

KENTUCKIANS ENTERTAIN AT A DINNER—NEWSPAPER MAN A GUEST.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 28.—Dr. J. A. C. Lattimore entertained with a delightful dinner on George Washington's birthday at his home, 1502 West Walnut street. The table decorations were perfectly beautiful. A seven course dinner was served by the genial doctor and his sister was the hostess. The chandlier was decorated with ribbons and strings of red, white and blue dropped to the table and in the center stood a huge cherry tree on the mirror center piece, under which were hatchets tied with risson and stretched to each plate; on the hatched was written "I can not tell a lie." Those present at the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jordan, Misses Eva Calbert, Georgia A. Lattimore and Pearl White, Messrs. S. O. Johnson, Henry Troy, Cary B. Lewis, S. H. Dudley and Dr. J. A. C. Lattimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jordan, 1409 West Walnut street, entertained at dinner on Sunday. The occasion was the birthday of Mr. Howard Jordan, one of the leading young men of the city, whose enterprising and hustling ability is recognized as being worthy of emulation. Mrs. Jordan, who acted as hostess, served a sevn course dinner and the dining room was especially decorated for the occasion. The dinner was delicious and all present wished Mr. Jordan and his wife happy return of many more birthdays. Those present were Misses Eva P. Calbert, Pearl White, Georgia A. Lattimore, Messrs. S. O. Johnson, Cary B. Lewis, Howard Jordan and Dr. J. A. C. Lattimore.

Miss Sutressa Davis of Muncie, spent a few days in the city, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Wm. Adams, in Douglass street.

CAPE MAY, N. J.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

One of the most enjoyable events of the season at Cape May, N. J., was the celebration of the twenty-fourth anniversary of Keystone Lodge No. 39, F. & A. M., on Wednesday evening, February 21, 1912, in the large and spacious reception room of the Hotel Dale. The program was replete with solos, duets and quartettes, rendered by the leading talent of Cape May, after which a banquet, with an elaborate menu, was served under the supervision of the members' wives to 250 guests. Speeches were made by P. G. M. Francis Farmer (subject, History of Keystone Lodge); address by Captain General James W. Allison, of New Jersey thirty-third (subject, Progress of Keystone Lodge); address by P. M. Issiah Wilson (subject, Emblems of Masonry); address by H. A. Bean, W. M. (subject, Future of Keystone Lodge).

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My dear readers, you are missing half of your life in misery and shame, worrying with a man that will not try once to please you, cherish or comfort you, and hold a bright light of good moral conduct before his children, by making home happy. Now, listen; if you have sighed, worried, cried and pleaded with him, and to no avail, you pray and let Madame McNairdee advise you. I know you will never regret it. My husband was a drunkard, a run-about and around, a gambler, and the most wicked man that our Lord ever let live, until all at once, after reading so often of this woman, I took up courage and let her hear from me. oday, I will say it is on a stair-steps of ibles, I have a model man in every respect. I will praise this woman as long as I have breath. She made my husband a man, a husband, a gentleman.

I am yours in Christ and S. M. T.,
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My Dear Friends:

I am now making my own volunteer statement because this lady has caused me to be so happy. I would like so much to give you my name, but I hope you know why. I went with a young man two years and we spat all the time. We were twice engaged and he would disappoint me, until I consulted this wonderful lady. Now we are married, and have been for near three years. He is so nice and kind to me. I told him a few months ago of this advice and he would not agree with me until he lost his job, and then made up his mind, and do you know that my husband has one of the best jobs of his life by consulting her. No matter what you want to do or know, let her hear from you, and I vow you will never regret it. I cannot help believing that she is sent of God to do just what she is doing, and you never hear of a thing ugly that she has done. I visited her during the K. of P. Supreme Lodge, and I never met a nicer lady. I am a Christian and a leader in a good many church clubs. We chatted a good deal of such things. I find her very entertaining. I am, as ever, her friend,

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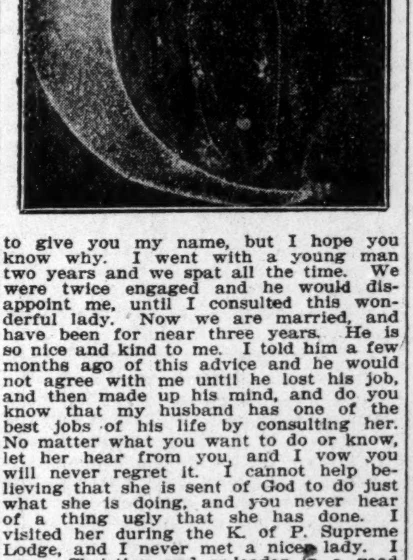
Washington, D. C.



To Whom It May Concern.

I have always been one of those that did not give any thought of this until about four years ago I had a great trouble and it cost me almost every dime I had, and my mother asked me one day to tell some of this trouble to this woman that we read so much about in our papers. Mother says, "I feel that she can help you." I had to laugh with tears in my eyes, for I was in jail; then finally I said, "Suit yourself; anything now, so I come clear and get out of here." She let this woman hear from her and about me. We never can forget what this woman said in reply. She said in substance, "If you will pray and trust God, I will do the rest." And bless her to-day and forever. I was called to trial, and every witness that could be found spoke in my behalf, and those who did not could not be found. I was returned to jail twice and then set free. Do you blame me for saying she is a power unknown, to help those who seek her aid? I am now doing business for myself and making good. Every month I send her twenty dollars. I have done this for four months, and shall always divide my last dime with her. I am her friend at all times.

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Now if we can manage to keep the backbone of the weather broken we will be all right.

The strawberry line is now established in Florida and Texas, maybe. Advancing with the returning sun.

The Nego press is not greatly enamored of Taft or Roosevelt. The preference at the show of hands, however, is Taft.

Woodrow Wilson, Harmon and the rest of them are given scant consideration in these high tide days of Republican controversy.

It appears that the American Bar Association might have thrown down the bars to Assistant Attorney W. H. Lewis. Do the members insist that all coons look alike? Why, the brutal things!

It is being said that the saloon owners of Bloomington, Ind., refuse to serve drinks to the men who signed the remonstrance against the saloons. Cheer up, colored men, you have got company in the discriminating business.

The farmer is now in the speculative mood. What will the harvest be? is the eternal yearly question. The failure of one season is forgotten in the anticipation of that of the next year. Last year's successes are to be improved on—increased bushels per acre, quality of flocks and fruit. Hope buoys—an elixir—the fountain of youth.

Mr. Roosevelt discharged brave black soldiers without a trial, and Mr. Taft discharged all of the officeholders in the south. Choose between the two, if you can, Mr. Colored Voter.—Rhode Island Independent.

Honors kind-a even, ain't they?
Or shall we say "hoss and hoss?"
Now, aside from this little
Cancellation, what have you to say?

Congratulations extended Rev. John T. Jenifer, D. D., on the fiftieth anniversary of his entering the ministry of the A. M. E. Church. His golden jubilee in honor of the same will be held at Quinn Chapel Church, Chicago, March 12, 1912.

We hope the distinguished divine more days to his useful and honorable career. We appreciate the disposition to honor those whose long lives have been full of worthy actions and deeds. More life and more love to him.

Guilty of murder in the first degree without capital punishment was the verdict returned by a jury in the Federal Court at Burlington, Vt., last week against Matthew Carlyle, a negro trooper of the Tenth Cavalry, who last October killed three Negroes, one man and two women. Carlyle, who was sentenced to life imprisonment, will be taken to the federal penitentiary at Atlanta. Carlyle will not entertain a poor opinion of the law if he has any sense of the weight of his crimes.

The New Jersey physicians are practically unanimous in the conclusion that no woman can work more than ten hours daily, month after month, without serious physical harm. The legislature of the state has been asked to pass a law forbidding longer hours. Sure enough they can't; nor can the men. The poor laborer sees too often the necessity, and he goes to it regardless of the consequences. Little mouths are to be fed, little feet to be shod, and overtime, with its certain fate, is hailed as an opportunity.

Perhaps President Gomez sees in a colored independent party a menace to the government of Cuba. He refuses to permit such an organization, supported by the Morua law, which specizcally forbids such a thing. Knowing the great proportion of Negroes in Cuba, the president may have taken this step as being his whole duty in the matter. Numerical strength is not the test of the standing of a nation. The question is: How do the colored and the white people of Cuba compare in wealth, education and civilization generally?

Young colored men have some excellent opportunities that they do not value. We have said, time and again, that some of them, a few of them about Indianapolis and about other large cities, should make it a business to help feed all of the thousands in their respective cities. We say a few most timidly, because when this subject is mentioned it seems as if its whole race takes it up as a plea for "back to the farm." No such thing; we mean that some of the race should take advantage of every opportunity that presents. The farm, with its money-making possibilities in these times of high living, together with the attraction nature sets up, ought to prove a very alluring place.

It's too bad that W. H. Lewis's, assistant attorney general, membership in the American Bar Association meets with disapproval on the part of the majority of its members. It's useless to tell the objecting members that they were actuated by prejudice; they confess it promptly, saying that when his name was voted on that they did not know that he was colored.

Attorney General Wickersham tried to pour oil on the troubled water, but his efforts, as far as we can learn, were useless. The south is largely represented in the American Bar Association, and it needs no interpreter to tell what that means. The situation is deplored, along with the general situation that insists on making such great distinction between men, regardless of qualification.

Mr. Roosevelt says that the constitution is to be made to fit the people and not the people to fit it. And in principle it is true enough. But he leads us to believe that the thing is to be changed monthly or yearly, whenever the people feel to have a change, whether there is a demand owing to the growth of people, their changed relations, or not.

That people outlive old views and notions is an accepted proposition. Even so fixed a thing as the Christian religion is revised along lines, non-essential, we hope. However that may be, the most orthodox tell us that the succeeding ages have required adjustment in some part to meet the demands of those ages. We have always viewed with alarm such doctrine, probable change in the presentation of Christianity. We know, however, that time does require the amending of constitutions, if not their total revision. Thus time carries the idea of changed relations, fundamentally changed. The Civil War required the latter amendments to the federal constitution as previous exigencies required the former amendments. These were not things of caprice, but the result of fundamental change, when society was disturbed to its very center. The constitution of state, of county, speaks plainly its own deficiency when so. The remedy is plain, being suggested out of the very profoundly stirred conditions.

The Cuban Colored Independents are in for maintaining an organization of that name. The Havana Post of recent issue has it that the leaders of the party are protesting the Morua law, which forbids the organization of colored citizens in an independent party. It says in part:

"President Gomes told Juan Bell and Lazaro Rodriguez, the committee of the Independent Colored Party, that he was disposed to help them provided they dropped the word Colored from their party name. They declared they would not do this as it would prevent them from realizing the noble ideals for which they were aiming."

The founder of the party insists that he will appeal to Washington with the view of support.

It will be difficult for us of the United States to know what it is all about, but one of two things seems probable. Either the present government fears the domination of blacks or it seeks to avoid the thing of race antagonism such as is known in the states.

We do not feel free to comment on a situation of which we know very little. We, however, venture the assertion that more lasting peace will come through the efforts of the government. The chances are that it is made up mainly of white men. What is wanted is stability of government, even if some little inconveniences are endured until the time comes for greater things. The colored citizens of the states are enduring hardships politically, civilly, and some in an industrial way. But through it all they are coming up splendidly.

The Negro Cuban leaders will have to think; they must learn history of nations and men. The same ruling forces are in the world. Victories must be won of them by various tactics, and not to be expected by a face to face encounter.

The "Jap" waiters who took the place of Negroes on the Great Northern Railroad have been discharged and the Negroes are again in their places. This kind of job is sometimes considered a tail holt, but, whatever the classification, we've got it cinched. No race can serve so gracefully as Negroes. They are artists in the rough, or better, perhaps, unconscious artists.

We take it that the gracious spirit of polite attention on the part of the Negroes is the result of environment, and that other thing of imitation. We mean that imitation, not of the moment, but ingrained kind—the result of the environment of, say, nearly three centuries. The desire to be fine is the ruling passion; it crops out in everything, everywhere. A plug hat, ruffled shirt and bare feet is indicative of the longing to be somebody. The Negro's nature has responded to the "terrific" desire; hence we see fine manners in whole, in part—harmonious, incongruous, from the front door to the kitchen.

So the Negro waiter, when not of a perverse, stubborn nature, excels the master of the house in his low salaams and kowtowing—urbanity of manners. He makes a fine art out of the business with his imposing sympathy, rich, broad expression where his "A's" have that all-taking Italian accent. Then it seems more glorious to obey than to rule. The new day class may not be quite so satisfactory, but if they are anything like the old school, with its tonic-like manners, they will be in demand.

A VICTORY OVER JIM CROW.

The colored people of Baltimore, Md., have made a successful fight against the "Jim Crow" accommodations recently set up by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad in that city. The president of the road said the division was made without his knowledge. On learning the situation, through the appeals of the journals and prominent individuals, the president ordered the change doing away with the separate waiting rooms.

The colored people of that city can congratulate themselves in that they have won such a significant victory. It is on old philosophical truth, but trite, that what is is. In other words, we may expect a slow change in southern cities along this line, but the necessity for advancing the conditions is not readily seen. Indeed, it would be a reflection on the country as well as the race if situations still presented themselves so as to require separate concerns where they had not been before.

But for fear there may be conditions, possible, and which may suggest race division in places of general public usage, it is up to the race to be on its guard, offending in no way. As decent, orderly citizens much is required of us. And since we are on trial in spite of ourselves, it goes without saying that there should be extra care not to offend in what we think to be the little things. The sum total of little things is the individual life. All of us have not been careful along this line, thinking that others have nothing to do with our conduct, or that we are not observed.

We do have the conducting of our own lives, but society imposes some restraints, and for the good of all. Society "proclaims" its silent laws and we must manage somehow to live, at least, in sight of them. In doing so we will be surprised when such discrimination is noted, and confidently hope for the rescinding of such an order as that given at Baltimore—there being no cause for the order. This means that in that city its colored people have kept the laws fairly, at any rate, and as they have done in many places, hence should be exempt from any new phases of racial persecution. Much more can be done, we venture to say, that will average the race upwards, but there is no decline in manners. And as long as the tendency is upwards it puts the white people in a poor light when they insist on making cause without supporting facts.

A CHAIN OF THEATERS.

S. H. Dudley, the well-known comedian, now heading the Smart Set Company in "Dr. Beans from Boston," is getting attention owing to his latest move in the theatrical line—a chain of theaters.

According to Mr. Dudley's views, he sees a great change in the situation from that of a few years ago. In fact he thinks the time is coming, and soon, when the colored performer will depend largely on houses controlled by colored men. It means that something must be done to meet the new day of things.

Such performers as Mr. Dudley doubtless will find it possible to make it, to have success, ando of course many others that are not quite in his class, but hundreds of performers will find themselves playing mainly to colored audiences, and, indeed, as they find themselves doing at this time. He does not have in mind colored houses exclusively, but they will be houses where colored talent will be employed largely, if not wholly so. His chain will mean certain and sure employment, where it is now the other thing, causing that puzzled condition, the performers not knowing where they are at much of the time. The houses will be a circuit, provided all goes well, furnishing a definite number of weeks' work before completing it, meaning also the probability of returning dates.

As noted by the cartoon, a group house is contemplated in the east and another in the central southwest. Perhaps a third group of the latter named group will be better, as the field is large and promising. The cities cited and others yet unnamed have large populations of colored people. And Mr. Dudley thinks the shows will be patronized also by white people, as many take kindly to work by colored performers. He, however, is satisfied that there are enough colored people to give liberal patronage and thus guarantee the investment.

Mr. Dudley will show himself in the matter whole souled. He will have a company of his own who will play the chain just as others do, perhaps twice in the one season. He will do this to prove the faith in his movement.

As to the investment Mr. Dudley is not so sure just what nature it will take. He thinks that local capital should become interested, thus making the houses the product of those respective localities. However, he will not be hindered by any drawback along that line. He will stand ready to purchase outright, co-operate or lease in the matter of securing houses.

If there is co-operation Mr. Dudley feels that the business is practically assured, since is means local interest, meaning further the appreciation of a home effort, provided, of course, that it is worthy of appreciation. And Mr. Dudley declares that he will see to it that in any event, whatever be the method of financing the enterprise, the houses will be houses, and not merely attempts at houses. Already he has been tendered great financial support, but he hopes for the moral support of the communities as well.

The theatrical profession is taking kindly to Mr. Dudley's proposition. The members who are spread out all over the country are as so many feelers; they know what is going on. They note the changing conditions and are satisfied that something must be done to insure decent livelihood, as is demanded of those in the business.

So in it all there is a spirit of oneness between all of those that have to do with the colored performers. It means something doing along Mr. Dudley's line. Failure is out of the question if all will study the requirements and act accordingly.

SOUTH BEND, IND.

Special to The Freeman.

Miss Evans, the evangelist, is doing a great work at the A. M. E. Church, West Monroe street....Don't forget the K. of P. Minstrels at the Elks' Temple, March 21, 1912....For The Freeman call Phone 2583 Bell.

LOVEJOY, ILL.

Special to The Freeman.

Mr. Benj. A. Hughes is making a whirlwind campaign for the nomination of police magistrate on the People's Party ticket. Primary March 12, 1912....Miss Jessie Evans and Miss Howard are improving....Mrs. Mary Jackson is out after a serious illness.

DALLAS, TEXAS.

Penny Savings Bank Declares an 8 Per Cent. Dividend to Its Stockholders—Reports of the Various Departments Show the Bank Is in a Healthy Condition and Aiding Hundreds of Members of the Race in Texas.

Special to The Freeman.

The Freeman sees no reason why the property owners on Cochran, Flora, Juliette and several other streets in the best residential sections in the colored districts in the city of Dallas do not begin now to cidculate a petition to have their streets and sidewalks put to a uniform grade and improved, while agitation is at its height in every white district in the old town. Many who reside here are soon to be denied the privilege of having their mail delivered to them because of the bad conditions that now prevail. Let the agitation begin, and that right now, for better sidewalks and good streets. The tax lists will show that the Negroes do pay their part for these improvements each year....The Tin Cup Social Club entertained several out-of-town guests and its members, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Scott, 2510 Montezuma street, Sunday night. Toasts and a nice menu were the features of the evening. A jolly good time was had....His many friends and acquaintances were shocked to learn of the death of Mr. Bobitus, at Clarksville, the past week. He had lived here for several years, and was known for his generous kindness to all with whom he came in contact. The relatives have the sympathy of his many acquaintances here....Phone Haskell 3333, Sanders Place, for your family draught and bottle beer, wines, liquors and cigars, delivered. We want your cash tarde. Corner Swiss and Central avenue....Mr. G. H. Wymann, a student of Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., is here spending his vacation with relatives and friends......Messrs. Page, Brackins & Williams, dealers in wood, ice and coal, report a satisfactory business this season....It seemed a great surprise to hundreds of passers-by, Wednesday, all day long, to see such a crowd at the corner of Allen and Juliette streets; but when a colser view was permitted, the reporter found that people from various parts of the city, white and black, were at a white store identifying chickens that had been stolen, and with the aid of the police they were getting their fowls and returning to their homes, free of any cost, only the identifying. Readers, you well know that there were some several hundred there and some sure-enough identifying. If this had taken place at some of the colored stores, what would be the daily gossip? The thief has not been caught yet, so they say....When hungry you need something to eat, and it should be rightly prepared to do you good. We are doing that every minute in the day and night, at 1605 Jackson street. Anything in the eating line. Superior service and price to suit you. Rains & Dixon's Cafe....The following persons are found on duty at the Columbian Club, where thousands of dollars are in their charge continually, and they are making good by rendering the best of service: Messrs. Armsted Jackson, Homer Hollier, Henry Thompson, Fred Price, Herbert Allen and Mrs. Maggie Price....At the New Orleans Cafe these gentlemen will serve you day and night: Messrs. B. Allgood, Frank Miller, Henry Smith, Wm. Hyman, J. C. Lovett, Archie Young and Henry Scott. Service and quality have made this place famous. R. L. Preston is proprietor....Rev. Z. T. Pardee, well and favorably known as "Father," celebrated his seventy-third anniversary Friday night, March 1, at Macedonia Baptist Church. An excellent program was rendered on this occasion and many good thoughts were presented in his behalf, and tokens of appreciation given for his fifty years' service as a minister. Rev. L. K. Williams, of Fort Worth, spoke touchingly. Pastor A. C. Capers reviewed the past very sympathetically, and caused many to consider more and more about the future. The inclemency of the weather prevented many from being present....Mr. A. J. Polk, Dr. T. W. Sparks and Hon. J. R. Nelson, of Terrell, stockholders in the Penny Savings Bank, were here on the 1st. They, with others, seem highly pleased. Dr. H. A. Carr and Prof. G. W. Jackson, of Corsicana; Prof. E. C. Cooper, of Waskum; J. G. Simms, of Pittsburg, and other out-of-town people, interested in stocks of the bank, spoke encouragingly. President G. I. Jackson, Cashiers Boswell and Frazier, W. W. Canton and Directors M. C. Cooper, R. T. Hamilton, H. S. Thompson, and others, spoke on the future possibilities of how to stimulate a more healthy encouragement in the minds of the masses of the race all over Texas, in churches, societies, lodges, business and as individuals, to do their business with the Penny Savings Bank of Dallas. The bank now has over 5,000 depositors, and several hundred ladies are stockholders. It is the aim to sell $50,000 worth of stock this year. The names of the new officers will appear in the next issue....Henry Smith and Archie Knight can be found at the Deep Elm Bar, 2813½ Elm street. All old friends are invited, and new ones are welcome....It is very important that all taxpayers should vote on all issues which they think will best serve their interest, and especially school buildings and grounds, streets and sanitary improvements, parks and play grounds. In this the colored children come in for a share of consideration, and it is now being much talked of in the meetings of the board and commissioners with the mayor, etc. It has reached the public, and they know it is the needed consideration of our people. So be ever ready to do your part of the voting......We sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crittendon in the loss by fire of their household goods on Sunday night last......The Freeman reporter strives to please the patrons and the public, yet there are kickers. It happened one day the past week that the name of a performer had not been in The Freeman for some time, and he had the nerve to say a great many things because he happened to be in the vaudeville profession and to have been on the road. We have lots of them coming this way often, but they are not in the printing and publishing business, and not too learned in the theatrical business, or they would plank down the cash for The Freeman to aid them in securing jobs, when they can't make good all the time. To that class I wish to say these words: You who are down to-day may be up to-morrow. However, the Dallas Freeman reporter will be ever ready to aid you in the right when in Texas or elsewhere. We are known for our generosity toward making sorry performers better. It is our duty and we will not shirk that duty at any time. But we will not stand for you to run this department of The Freeman in Dallas, Tex., without the price, no matter who you are or where you are from....Strenuous rehearsals have been the topics the past week at the Grand Central and the Park. New faces at both houses. The sow business boom is on. Managers are looking wise and performers are working hard. The public and old-time show-goers of Dallas are on the scene to criticise as a whole. Some are up to the salary being paid; others could be improved. While the workers are delivering the goods and receiving the applause, as all good performers get when the audience is pleased, the performer must also remember that the audiences which they play to here know the goods, and when they are delivered they acknowledge them on and off the stage....The members of Richards & Pringle's Minstrels spent last Sunday here and were the guests of the local musicians and some of the performers of the city, who chaperoned them to various points of interest over the city....Monday matinee and night the Original Georgians had the largest crowd gathered here for some time, and fun reigned supreme. ....Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Johnson are home from Sherman, where they were called to the bedside of Mrs. Johnson's brother, who was very ill, but is now recovering....Mrs. E. A. Reece and daughter Arcola, J. A. Austin, George Smith and A. G. Graves are home from Navasota, where they went to attend the funeral of Mr. Dan Avery, a relative, who died in New York on the 20th of last month. Mr. Winn accompanied the remains. It was quite a shock to all Texas, as Mr. Avery was one of the favorite comedians of the Lone Star State, although having been away several years....Gen. J. L. Jones spent the past Sunday in Corsicana on business of the Uniform Rank, and was the guest of officers and members of the company there....It is said that S. O. Perkins has started the porters to thinking of a rest room and apartments since his Wednesday night ball at Phoenix Hall....All the good things to eat at B. G. Johns, corner Ball and San Jacinto. ....Jim Ford is hobbling around....Let the Negroes who are in business keep what the people want, if they expect the trade....See Griffin for this paper and advertisements of your business; also, finder of your lost relatives. Try it, and watch the results.

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CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

Dixie Singers Have Long Wait—Entertain Audience Until Arrival of Baggage After 9 O'Clock.

Special to The Freeman.

Despite the extension of the program until nearly midnight Friday night, March 2, and the long wait consequent on the failure of the company's baggage to arrive until after 9 o'clock, the audience gathered in the university auditorium and enjoyed the Dixie chorus, the next to the last number on the Star course. While waiting for their baggage to arrive the members of the chorus put on several impromptu sketches that kept the crowd in good humor and made the wait less tedious. A banjo number, a piano solo, and a clarinet solo, a quartette, violin solo and a reading made up the extras to which the audience was treated. The entertainment was something different from what had been heard in the twin cities before, mingling pathos and humor as the transition of the Negro in the jungle life in Africa to present-day existence was portrayed by song, voice and acting. The first part had to do with the life of the Negro in the jungles. Several panoramic phases of life at that time were acted out, while a voice of the race recited the epic of the Negro, in which the latter's groping for light and civilization was pictured. Southern scenes were brought out in the second part of the program and were perhaps better enjoyed than any of the others. The singing of the old plantation songs made a great hit. Among the ante-bellum pictures given was that of the camp meeting. The acting was excellent and the scenario thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. It was attempted to show in the last part of the program how the Negro had progressed since then, but the theme was lost and only stunts were staged. Owing to the restlessness of the audience due to the lateness of the hour, the program was cut short. Several good voices predominated in and rendered the entertainment more enjoyable than it might otherwise have been ....Miss Mary McCurty is improving.. ..Mrs. Alice Breedlove is on the road to recovery....The Freeman is on sale at 109 North Champaign street, Champaign, Ill., by Z. L. Breedlove....Miss Jessie Jordan departed for Bloomington Monday afternoon for a short visit.... Miss Nanora Ellis entertained at Mrs. Wilsons home Thursday night, February 29, in honor of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Jordan, and daughter, Miss Myrtle, and Inez Moss. A delightful time was enjoyed....Miss Grace Milen, of Urbana, Ill., is ill.

KANSAS CITY, MO.

(By A. C. Oglesby.)

Special to The Freeman.

Mr. W. M. McKnight is on the sick list again. He came out before he was strong enough, and took a back-set, but Dr. Shannon, his physician, says he will be able to be out soon.....Kansas City was visited by another snow storm last Saturday and it left over a foot of snow here......Jack Johnson, the world's heavyweight champion, made such a hit here last week at the Century theater that he has been asked to make a return engagment. They turned away more than ten thousand people. All the papers as well as the manager, say he was the greatest attraction of the season. He will play his return engagement about March 25. He will follow Flynn, who will play there this week. They are to meet in Nevada July 4, for the championship..On Saturday morning, March 2, at 6:45 a. m., there was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Oglesby, of 653 Winona avenue, a girl. Dr. S. H. Thompson was the attending physician. Mrs. Luella King, who is caring for Mrs. Oglesby, during her illness, completed her course at Douglass hospital, and is now finishing up on her six months post-course, and will graduate June 1, 1912. Mrs. King was formerly of Bloomington, Ill. She has the distinction of being the second colored nurse to have registered in the training school for nurses in Kansas City, Mo.

A SUPREME CALL FOR THE RIGHTEOUS.

Archbishop Evans, D. G., has made a world-wide call for the True Righteous of the Negro race through the columns of THE TRUE LIGHT newspaper, published at 337 West Forty-first street, New York. It is a call that surpasses any ever made by any representative of God and Christ in the history of the Christian era, or in the history of the world. The true righteous only are called in the call he has made. The purpose for making the call is also made perfectly plain in the publication, and great is the purpose thereof. For further particulars see the paper. It is sent to such on application. When you write for it make yourself fully known as to who and what you are, or you may not get a copy of it.

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STAGE NOTES.

Little Johnny Jones and Eva Moore are at the Colonial, Philadelphia, Pa., this week.

Williams and Stevens are being held over another week at the Auditorium Theater, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. T. J. Sadler, tenor soloist, was in Chicago last week, en route to join the Royal Sam Company, but was called back to Tacoma, Wash., by the sudden illness of his wife. Mr. Sadler had journeyed from the far West to join the company, and expects to return with his wife.

Baby Jim has just closed a two weeks' engagement at the Crescent Theater, New York City, and was the biggest drawing card that ever played the house. He is the second attraction ever held over two weeks. His manager, Cress Simmons, has him booked in Boston for an early date. Baby Jim will be in New York two weeks longer.

"THE TRUE LIGHT" OF THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST.

Have you seen THE REPLY Archbishop Evans made to Evangelist W. C. Thompson, of Kansas City, Mo., on the second coming of Christ? It is published in the columns of THE TRUE LIGHT, which is issued at 337 West Forty-first street, New York City, by the True Light Army. This paper is 10 cents a copy, but a free copy, containing this great reply of Christ's coming, is offered to every Negro Christian who will ask for one, on the condition that they each will promise in his application that he will call the attention of their best neighbors to the publication. This reply is the greatest ever published on the second coming of Christ, and everybody should see it. It is exceedingly wonderful and unique.

Archbishop Justus J. Evans, D. G., the author.

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EASTERN THEATRICAL NEWS.

(By Billy E. Jones.)

The Fairyland Theater, the most popular vaudeville and moving picture house on the Northwest Side, Washington, D. C., and playing all first-class acts, is always willing to please its patrons, and in order to do so it gives them a first-class show and selected photo plays. The management always wants first-class acts, and can give three or four weeks, if they are hits. Performers wishing booking at this house should send in their open time, to 1811 L street, N. W. The Glens opened there the week of February 26 and scored a big success. The act was a scream and a laugh from start to finish, their line of talk being original, and their dancing is a feature. They are in their second week. Frank Kearney, manager.

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At the Blue Mouse Theater, Henry C. Smith, manager, this week, moving pictures and vaudeville is the rule. The pictures are very good and met the approval of the audience. On the bill were Sandifer and Criswell. Joe Sandifer more than held his own and registered a substantial hit. He would do well to break into some fast company or head a big vaudeville production.

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At the Star Theater, Southwest, business is good, with pictures and vaudeville. The Jollys were on the bill and were well liked, judging from the applause.

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At the Howard Theater, Andrew J. Thomas, manager, the bill lacked speed last week, with two exceptions, the chief honors being shared by two acts, and the did a lot toward holding up the average. Montgomery and McClain and Wootie deserve the principal spot by reason of the good work they did through the time allotted them. They stop the show, which is going some. Montgomery put over a lively laughing hit through the comedy. The act went big at every performance. Moore and Moore (not John and Hester Moore) please immensely, but their strength lies entirely with the character work introduced by Mr. Moore. Gardner and Gardner held their positions nicely. Brown, Clark and Brown close the bill very cleverly.

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The Chelsea Theater is presenting vaudeville and moving pictures. Since this theater has opened up business has been good.

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At the Foraker Theater are photo plays and vaudeville. This week, Lottie Dempsey.

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"My Friend from Dixie" is at the Halliday Theater, Baltimore, Md.

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Prof. John Woods, the ventriloquist, is making quite a success in and around New York City, where the act is making good.

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Cooper and Robison are at the Orpheum Theater, Sioux City, this week. Going big on Orpheum time.

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Fiddler and Shelton are at the Orpheum, San Francisco, Cal.

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Cook and Stevens are at the Lyric, Hoboken, N. J.

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There is talk about an alliance between Charles Hart, formerly Avery and Hart, and J. Rosamond Johnson. Chas. Hart is also considering Sherman Coates to replace the late Dan Avery. Mr. Hart will try out as a single at Waterbury, Conn., this week, and, if successful, will work alone.

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"The Hottest Coon in Dixie" Company's private car was struck by a box car in the Lake Shore yards, at Goshen, Ind., last week, badly shaking up the performers. Three or four of the people sustained serious injuries.

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The Ross Bros., music publishers, 717 T street, Washington, D. C., will soon have a new line of popular sheet music on sale, also their own publications, which include some good numbers. "True Love," a new song, is destined to be a big hit for this firm. It was composed by one of the brothers, who is gifted as a song writer.

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Billy E. Jones entertained the guests with some of the late popular songs at a leap year party, at the residence of Miss Ella Jones, 1814 Fourth street, Washington, D. C., last Thursday night week, and they were well pleased with this versatile singer.

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The professional hair-dressers, Sphax & Downey, 1832 Seventh street, Washington, D. C., cordially invite the ladies of the Black Patti Company to their parlors, where they will be shown the best goods obtainable and first-class work guaranteed.

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Billy Palmer, cornetist, late of the Dandy Dixie Minstrels, now at Washington, organizing his band for the white tents, will take a few more musicians for the 1912 tour. Address 2002 Seventh street.

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Finley's New Palm Garden, Washington, D. C., the finest in the city, has just opened, engaging the best entertainers obtainable. Open every evening except Sunday. The entertainers are: Miss Emma Brown, soubrette, and Joseph Brooks, comic singer; pianist, William Montgomery. The Garden is located at 331 C street, Southwest.

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Addison Penn, the clever comedian, who played the Lincoln Theater, Washington, D. C., this season, is a genuine artist, and his act was one of the best I've seen in a long time. He sings his songs in a manner that gets them over the footlights with a bang. Between his songs he delivers a monologue that fairly bristles with humor. Mr. Penn gave us fifteen minutes of real pleasure, being original in his work. This clever artist should not have any trouble in getting work on some of the good circuits around New York.

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No greater compliment could be paid to Bert Williams, the comedian, than an offer recently made to him by David Belasco to star in a play under the latter's direction. Mr. Belasco, it seems, had chanced to read a play which, under his skillful guidance, he thought might be made suitable for Williams. He sent for the comedian, and the two had a long conference. Williams explained that he was under contract with F. Ziegfeld, Jr., to appear in the latter's "Follies" production, and that he was exceedingly grateful to Ziegfeld for having given him his opportunity in first-class houses. He referred Mr. Belasco to Ziegfeld for further negotiations. Considering the business the "Follies of 1911" is doing on tour, with Williams as principal comedian, it isn't likely that Ziegfeld will part with him readily. In Washington, D. C., last week, the returns were above the $20,000 mark, and the advance sale for the current week in Baltimore amounted to $11,000.

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The Azalea Mandolin and Guitar Club will give their sixth annual musical and reception at Odd Fellows' Hall, Washington, D. C., the 11th of April. They will introduce the new waltz number composed by James Miller and played for the first time on any stage.

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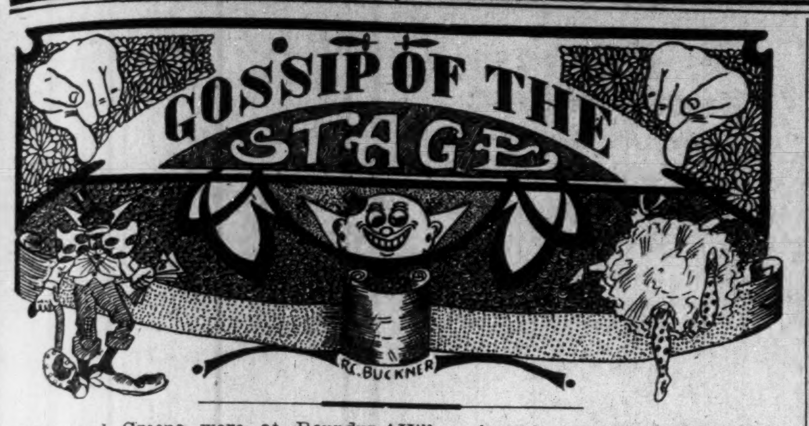
The Meredith Sisters have placed themselves under the direction of Alf S. Wilton. At the presentation of their new act at Keith's Theater, Boston, it was declared a splendid success.



Tabor and Greene were at Roundup, Mont., last week.

Martin and Motley still amusing them in and around New York.

Nashville Students out on the coast. The Great Herndon, hoop wizard, is with them.

Peat and Hayes are playing at Keeney's Third Avenue Theater, New York City, this week.

The only Jack Johnson, heavyweight champion, at the Empire theater, Indianapolis, week of the 11th.

The Alabama Minstrels, now traveling in Texas, are making a noise like success. C. L. Erickson, manager.

The Carter Trio playing in Lexington, Ky., this week. Little Nettie T. Perry, the danseuse, is with the Carters.

Fiddler and Shelton going big in the far West. At the Orpheum theater, Portland, Ore. They were the hit of the bill.

Minstrel Morris just finished two weeks' engagement at the Crescent theater, Philadelphia, Pa. In New York this week.

"Dat's Harmony" and "Constantly," as sung by Lew Hall (the Bert Williams of the South), is making them laugh and laugh some more.

Malloy and Harkum are at the Lubin Palace Theater, Philadelphia, Pa., this week. Just closed a successful week at the Circle Theater.

The Crown Garden, Indianapolis, has closed for repairs. It will open up about April 1. Tim says he will be the captain at the sounding of the taps.

Joe Clark, Watts and Edwards, Amer Williams, Stella Stovall, Eva Thomas and Annie Hicks are getting their share of applause with the Alabama Minstrels.

R. Roy Pope spent a few enjoyable days at Rockport, Ind., last week and part of the present week. He is home again, looking after his band interests.

W. E. Pace and his band of fourteen pieces are making the people of the towns in which the Alabama Minstrels have played say, "Some band for a colored show."

Eugene Clark, stage manager of the Alabama Minstrels, says that the show is the best equipped of any two-car show he has ever seen, and he has been in the profession since 1879.

Walter N. Jackson, clever New York singing comedian, at the Oriental theater, Indianapolis, last week. This week at the Crown Garden. He will leave in a few days for Chicago.

The marvelous La Vola, the noted slack-wire king, the wizard of the wise, the man who defies the laws of gravitation, is a sensational artist in an original way. He is at Tazewell, N. C., this week.

Bessie Edgington, the noted sensational *singing* and dancing soubrette, is a *top-notcher*. She has her original act. It is *said* by press and public that she is the most marvelous soubrette in the South. She is at Tazewell, N. C., this week.

H. D. Collins, manager and advance man of the Jolly John Larkins Company, was in the city a few days this week, looking after the interests of his show. Mr. Collnis is well known in the theatrical business.

The Pewees, Charles and Sadie, have reunited, and will appear in vaudeville as the Kaptivating Koonlets. While playing at the Crown Garden, in Indianapolis, Sadie Pewee was entertained at dinner at Mrs. Delida McCann's, on West street.

Allie Young, the clever little slack-wire artist, has gone to Chicago, where he will appear at two local theaters for two weeks. He will then leave for the West to join the Fashion Plate Shows, under the management of Arthur L. Prince. He wins friends as he goes.

NEW GRAND THEATER, GUILD, TENN.

Bob Johnson, proprietor, and J. H. Williams, producer and stage director, are putting on some good shows with the following performers: Williams and Shackleford, Elliott and Elliott, R. H. Miles, Victoria Malone, Sister Riggins, Ida Woodson, Pork Chops, Mrs. Arthur Bengerman, pianist; Arthur Bengerman, drums. Regards to friends in and out of the profession.

ALABAMA MINSTRELS.

The Examiner-Review of Navasota, Tex., speaking of the Alabama Minstrels, which showed recently in that city, said: "The Alabama Minstrels, under canvas, traveling in two elegant private cars, gave the lovers of real minstrelsy a rare treat last night. There are good, bad and indifferent organizations in this line, but this one 'takes the bakery.' Each and every one, both male and female, are artists in their particular lines. The first part shows a setting far above the average in traveling shows showing under canvas. The band and orchestra were far above the average and much enjoyed. Taking all in all, the performance was good throughout and will be welcomed back to Navasota at any time."

ALLEN'S TROUBADOURS AT THE ACME THEATER, MERIDIAN, MISS.

Allen's Troubadours, after a two weeks' rehearsal, opened their two weeks' engagement Monday night, March 4. The company this season is larger, stronger and better than ever. Every member is in fine condition. Each and every one finished the two weeks' hard rehearsal, working like a coming star. Mr. Allen feels proud and happy over his company this season, and feels safe in saying that he can set a pace for any stock company in the business. Five star vaudeville performers of the Troubadours will join the company March 18. The members of the company are as follows: G. W. Allen, Madame Lazellar Allen, Andrew Fairchild, Grace Green, Bethel Gibson, Zellar Gibson, Louie Fay, Mary Canby; Fat Sam, the mascot; Little Slick, the pickaninny; Prof. Ed Butler, music director; Wm. Carter, trap drums. The company sends regards to all friends. Managers of all colored theaters, write. Address, G. W. Allen, manager of Allen's Troubadours, Acme Theater, Meridian, Miss.

"MY FRIEND FROM DIXIE" COMING TO LOUISVILLE, KY.

An organization, said to be the acme of colored musical comedy stars, will be seen at the Walnut Street Theater soon, in J. Leubrie Hill's season's big hit, "My Friend from Dixie." Nothing has been left undone to make this the most elaborate and entertaining colored musical show ever seen in this city. The first act is laid in Virginia on the plantation of Jasper Green. In this scene many pastimes are enjoyed by dusky belles and boys. Chief among the party of forty people who offer the above is J. Leubrie Hill, a character comedian identified with the best colored offerings in America. Hill plays a real type of colored wench from the country, who later attempts to force her way into society by the liberal use of money. Nothing could be more ridiculously funny than the awkward mannerisms of the wench, who knows more about corn pone or bacon than wining and dining in society. The antic is advertised to make a horse laugh. There is an abundance of catchy music by Will H. Vodrey, the Sousa of the colored race. Among the many are "Molasses Candy," introduced by Will Brown, the warmest baby in town. Brown is the best neat comedian since Walker, retired. His partner, Shelton, is a low comedian of the Williams type, and introduces the most original dance on the stage. Others of note are Sam Gaines, Blanche Kelley, Lillian Bradford, and Evon Robinson, late of Cole and Johnson.

CINCINNATI THEATRICALS.

Peace again reigns upon the theatrical horizon, at least for the time being. The owners have been instructed to make their houses fire-proof; nothing but asbestos curtains can be used, as well as all fire-proof scenery. In fact, they must comply with the rules regarding the safety of the public, the same as the larger houses. So every manager got busy.

A fair bill is the offering at the Pekin this week. Miss Bessie Hockes discarded the illustrated pictures and sang under a spot. Her selections were good. Wilson and Dewey furnish the double act on the bill, and are using one of the old Wilson and Cumby acts, "The Band Man and His Band," which is a very funny sketch, but was a little dull without the funny antics of Billy Cumby, one of Cincinnati's favorite comedians. Wilson is that same good straight man, with a funny make-up in the final as a camp meeting preacher, while Dewey, his new partner, has a beautiful voice; in fact, it is entirely too good to be used under a comedy make-up. Miss Lucy Shepherd, that fascinating little prima donna, is just what the doctor ordered. She sang a couple of catchy numbers which were a big help to the bill, with a new line of pictures. A very pleasing performance, was the verdict.

Notes.

The Georgia Cotton Pickers, with the original Billy Caldwell as principal comedian and manager, are rehearsing in this city for several weeks' booking.

Coates and Grundy's Watermelon Trust is at the People's Theater this week.

Jack Johnson, the champion pugilist of the world, will appear in this city Mirch 25, this being his first visit here.

Harry Martin distinguished himself by carrying off the honors for Woodward School at the First Regiment track meet, on the 21st ult.

The death of Mr. Dan Avery was quite a shock to his many friends in this city.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

Lyre Theater.

(By Geo. Slaughter.)

The Lyre theater, now under the management of Wm. Hogan, presents an all-star bill this week. Robinson and Robinson open the bill and this is a new act to the Louisville patrons, and it was highly apreciated. They bill themselves as the world's greatest roller skate artists, and they are not overrated for they proved in every way that they were what they claimed to be. Their act consisted of comedy roller skating, singing and dancing, and it was a riot from start to finish. Bessie Smith, undoubtedly the greatest coon shouter of her race. This is her second week, and she went bigger than ever. Miss Smith knows how to put her songs over the footlights in the way that makes her audience scream with delight. Davenport and Davenport closed the bill and it was easily seen this act had their right place on the bill, for they received a great ovation on their entry on the stage. They did a very clever singing and dancing sketch, which was highly appreciated by the audience. Their costumes were very good and as a whole this gave very good satisfaction. This closed a very good bill. Joseph Clark, Jr., assistant manager of the Lyre theater, entertained "A Millionaire Smoker" at the Seelbach hotel, over twenty people taking part in this entertainment. Among those that entertained were The Pewees, Sadie and Charlie, Mamie Wing, Elmore Taylore, The Goodloes, Ella and John, Bessie Smith, Davenport and Davenport, Edith Bowman, James Clark, pianist; Howard Jordon, clarinetist; John Emery, trombonist; Albert Smith, drums and Edgar Morton, cornet.

JOE GRUNDY HAS TRAITS OF FATHER

And His Mother As Well and Will Make Good.

Joe Grundy, who is one of the leading performers among the colored lads of "In Old Kentucky" company this season, seems to carry the traits of his father, the late James Grundy, and his mother, Mrs. Sue Grundy, who for many years starred in Coats and Grundy's Watermelon Trust company. As everyone knows, James Grundy was naturally one of the funniest little men off and on the stage that we have produced. Mrs. Sue Grundy is equally as clever in oint of voice and activity as a dancer. Therefore the mother and father being so well endowed, it comes natural for the son to become a clever comedian. Joe Grundy is fast rounding out into that shape, and the time is not long before he will jump into the shoes of his father.

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MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC

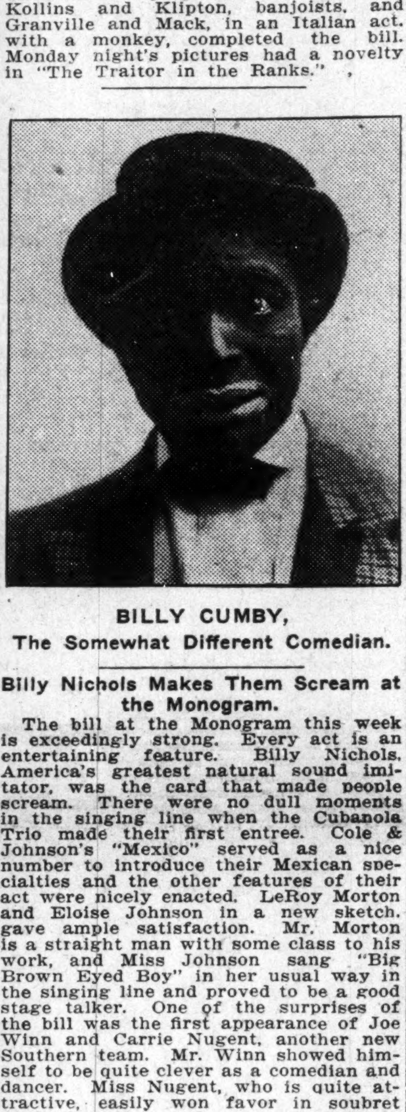
CHICAGO WEEKLY REVIEW

By Sylvester Russell

BERTIE FOWLER AT THE NEW GRAND.

Opel Cooper Scores in Illustrated Songs.

The topnotcher at the New Grand this week was Bertie Cooper, a white actress whose chatter and mimicry was quite entertaining enough to hold the stage from start to finish. Opel Cooper, the only colored act, sang three illustrated songs. Mr. Cooper has a baritone-tenor voice of exception l sweetness, not yet perfected in the upper register. He was royally received. Others on the bill were Ehrendall Brothers and Dutton, acrobats, Bell & Forbes, military sketchers; the baritone was good; Kingsbury and Munson in a comedy sketch, which entertained and Dave Lubin and company in a Southern afterpiece. Billy Cumby, "the somewhat different comedian," was the star of the last half of last week. The rest of the bill, which was white, included Van's Scotch minstrels, which gave a poor performance. The Three Flying Fishers were good. Kollins and Klipton, banjoists, and Granville and Mack, in an Italian act, with a monkey, completed the bill. Monday night's pictures had a novelty in "The Traitor in the Ranks."



BILLY CUMBY,
The Somewhat Different Comedian.

Billy Nichols Makes Them Scream at the Monogram.

The bill at the Monogram this week is exceedingly strong. Every act is an entertaining feature. Billy Nichols, America's greatest natural sound imitator, was the card that made people scream. There were no dull moments in the singing line when the Cubanola Trio made their first entree. Cole & Johnson's "Mexico" served as a nice number to introduce their Mexican specialties and the other features of their act were nicely enacted. LeRoy Morton and Eloise Johnson in a new sketch, gave ample satisfaction. Mr. Morton is a straight man with some class to his work, and Miss Johnson sang "Big Brown Eyed Boy" in her usual way in the singing line and proved to be a good stage talker. One of the surprises of the bill was the first appearance of Joe Winn and Carrie Nugent, another new Southern team. Mr. Winn showed himself to be quite clever as a comedian and dancer. Miss Nugent, who is quite attractive, easily won favor in soubret work, but it was her expert steps in dancing, with style and grace, that instantly captured. The comic pictures is a feature that is pleasing immensely.

Daily Shows Now Given at the Phoenix.

The inauguration of daily 3 o'clock matinees at this house is something new on State street. The attendance on Monday afternoon signifies that daily matinees may soon grow popular. The pictures provided were superb, especially "Pawnee Love," "Brave and Bold" and "A Modern Rip."

Chicago Stage Notes.

Billy Nichols stopped the pictures and made them scream last week at the American theater.

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Baby F. Seals and Baby Floyd Fisher are at the Virginia this week. Mr. Seals put on an act to suit white audiences, which won favor.

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Newton Johnson, a tenor singer, professionally known as Thomas Johnson, was recently shot and killed in an argument. Billy Starks reports that Johnson was once a member of the Carolina Four, succeeding Demos Jones.

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The Pekin opened Friday evening, March 8, under the acting management of Henry H. Bunch, with vaudeville, for the rest of the week, including two performances on Saturday evening. Illa Vincent will again appear as the star wrestler on each evening.

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Happy Bauregarde, of minstrel fame, arrived in town last week quite happy as usual and a little flush.

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Charles and Bertina Bruce have returned from the Pacific coast but will soon go back over the same circuit and then sail for Australia.

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Miss Mayme Selly, of the Kandy Kids Trio, was married on February 28, to Alfonso Atkins, of Waterloo, Ia. Mr. Atkins was a young bachelor who never had a girl but has a nice home with a mother in it. When pretty Miss Selly came along to fill an engagement at Waterloo, the Kandy Kids met their Waterloo. Mrs. Atkins has now retired from the stage, perhaps forever.

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The Chicago Tuskegee Club is busy making arrangements for the arrival of the Tuskegee band, which is to appear in Chicago March 10.

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Phil White and Shad Plenty, the Kandy Kids, will soon go east to visit their home, Boston, Mass., where they will take a much needed rest, having lost one of the trio.

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Dan Michaels is soon to appear in a new act with LeRoy Morton. The team will be known as Michaels & Morton. Mr. Michaels was compelled to cancel dates ahead on account of his partner, Daisy Garrett's, health.

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Lew Proctor, the popular comedian of the Savoy, has been very ill with pneumonia. He is at the Westley hospital and was resting quite easy as The Freeman went to press. I had called on Mr. Proctor at his home on La Salle street when he was first taken ill, then immediately informed Mr. Hogan, proprietor of the Savoy, of the seriousness of his condition. Mr. Hogan had him sent at once to the hospital.

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Miss Sinclair White is reported to be progressing very fast. I recently interviewed Frank George, manager of the young violinist, who states that her ideal of tone is entrancing to the extent of her peculiar type of emotionalism, and her style cannot be changed without permanent injury to the genius of her art.

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Annie Taylor, formerly a chorus singer with "My Friend From Dixie" company, and a music hall entertainer, age 25, was shot dead by Mrs. Mills, wife of Tom Mills, a tenor singer formerly of Billy Kersands minstrels, on Thursday of last week, February 29. Mrs. Mills is said to not only have been jealous of her husband but had resolved to protect him from criminal injury. Miss Taylor's body was sent to Washington, D. C., to the home of her mother by actors and friends, through the assistance of Harry Crosby. She was an only daughter, and a pretty girl, whose wayward end was met with very sad regret.

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On Wednesday morning, February 28, the heirs of the late Robert T. Motts met before Judge Chas. S. Cutting in the municipal court to argue as to who would be appointed administrator of that part of the estate which was in Mr. Motts' hands when he died. Fred D. Motts, his brother, through his lawyers, Bistrop & O'Neill, opposed J. Gray Lucas for Mrs. Jackson and E. W. Wilson and Franklyn Dennison for Miss Lindsay, ruled as a majority. Dr. Geo. C. Hall was then appointed as administrator. The three sons of Fred D. Motts are thereby retired from the management of the Pekin theater. Mr. Bunch is retained in the buffet.

The Dusky Poet's Dilemma.

(Comic Prose.)

I'm here among the yaller "You Bets."
Who smile at me as I pass bye,
But I look lofty to the sky—
'Cause I don't mix.
I draw the cue twixt them and you,
Or I'd be in a dangerous fix.
I just don't like the yaller "You Bets."
My choice is pretty cream brown,
Big eyes alike, the world around—
I'd never mix,
With white or blue. "Most white" will do.
But to yallers I'll sure say "nix!"
A poet's dilemma of "Forgets,"
Is the sequel of common sense;
But the only sure recompense,
Is "do not mix."
Talk mungers lie. Beloved, goodbye!
Poets can outwit chumps with tricks.
—Sylvester Russell.

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Carter, Oscar C
Childs, W. H.
DeLeo, B. F.
Day, George
Daye, Eddy E.
Dukes, Frank H.
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Fitts, S. F.
Gulfport, Mr.
Gray, Prof. J. A.
Gree, A. W.
Gilliam, Allie
Green, Geo.
Graham, P. G.
Harris, Geo.
Howard, E. L.
Hull, D. R.
Hull, Dan
Hulett, W. L.
Howe, Happy
Hicks, T. J.
Johnson, London
The Jolly Hendersons
Mayfield, W. M.
Kirk, Frank
Kersands, Billy
Kirk, Frank
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McGee, Garfield
Mills, Billy
McCamon, J. H.
Nicholas, Rufus
Paschal, H. W.
Peremound, Frank
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Sutton, H. J.
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Timmons, Willie.
Veneable, Ellek
Valentine, Alex
Verner, Harry.
Wise, Hen.
Winn, oJe.
Williams, J. H.
Webb, Joe.
Wallburg, Hamdy.
Webb, Joe

Ladies' List.

Banks, Miss Ada
Bright, Miss Gussie.
Edwards, Laura
Johnson, Mrs. Lulu.
Marion, Miss Glenn
Michaels, Leoara
Moore, Miss Mazie
Nugent, Carrie
Moore, Miss Maggie
Price, Susie
Santaner, Miss
Streaghts, Miss Leola
Taylor, Jennie
Tryer, Miss Ethel
Woods, Mrs. Susie

ROUTE.

S. H. DUDLEY, IN "DR. BEANS FROM BOSTON"—Greensburg, Pa., March 11; Johnstown, 12; Altoona, 13; Harrisburg, 14; Camden, N. J., 15-16.
J. LEUBRIE HILL, IN "MY FRIEND FROM DIXIE"—Dayton, O., March 11, 12, 13; Columbus, 14, 15, 16.
PROF. EPH WILLIAMS' TROUBADOURS—Columbus, Ga., March 11.
PUNKIN COLORED TRIO—Priscilla Theater, Cleveland, O., week of March 11.
THE RUSSELLS, JOE AND ARMANDA—Majestic Theater, Spring Valley, Ill., March 7 to 12.
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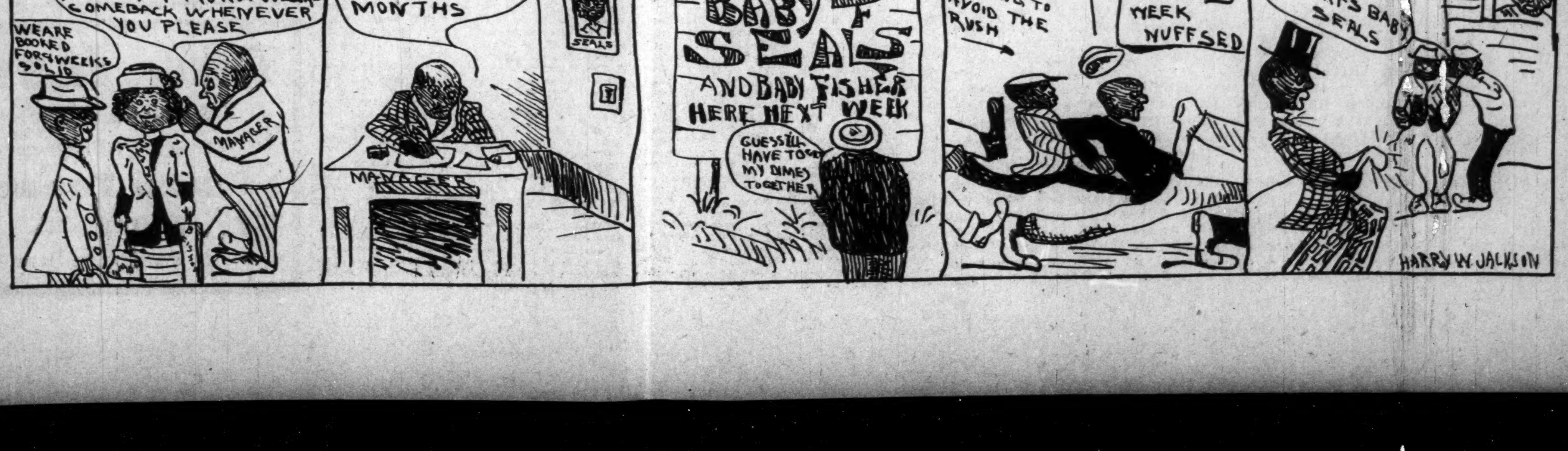
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GOSSIP OF THE STAGE

Mural Ringgold closed at the Belmont Theater, Pensacola, Fla., March 2 and opened at the Pekin Theater, Norfolk, Va.

The two Weavers, Eula Mae and J. J., are in their second week at the Star Theater, Tampa, Fla., and going big, as usual.

The team of Pugh and Pugh has just closed a three weeks' engagement at the Lincoln Theater, Jacksonville, Fla.

The celebrated Leon, magician and ventriloquist, closed at the Belmont Theater, Pensacola, Fla., and has gone to Mobile, Ala.

Dixson and Manson at the Belmont Theather week of March 4. They wish to hear from all friends, especially the ladies of the C. B. V. A. Auxiliary.

Potter Brothers, in "The Two Chauffeurs," making a hit in and around Boston, singing, talking and dancing act. Will make for the West in the near future.

J. B. Norton, singing and talking comedian, opened at the Star Theater February 23. He went big from the start. Page Tillman sets them wild singing "Railroad Jack."

Princess Rajah closed a successful twelve weeks' engagement at the Maceo Theater, Charleston, S. C., and opened at the Globe Theater, Jacksonville, Fla., for a run. Mable Johnston, please write.

J. F. Lillard and George McClain are in their fourth week at the Globe Theater, Jacksonville, Fla., and are making good. Lillard is stage manager and producer. The title of the show this week is the "Double Wedding."

Billy Young has finished successfully at Spokane,' Wash.; North Yakima, Wash., and New Westminster, B. C., also Namino, B. C. At present filling engagement at the New Lonsdale Theater, North Vancouver with the National Theater to follow.

The private car Margaret, of the Hottest Coon in Dixie Company, was wrecked at Goshen, O., by a rear-end collision on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad. The company settled promptly. None of the members was seriously injured.

Peat and Hayer were at the Peerless Theater, Brooklyn, N. Y., February 28-29; Apollo Theater, Jersey City, March 1-2. Ed F. Peat was taken very ill Sunday night and was unable to appear at the Grand Theater, Brooklyn, N. Y., the first part of the week. Address, 232 West Forty-first street, New York City.

HABEAS CORPUS LAWYER TAKES A WIFE.

CHICAGO, Ill.—Miss C. Delpha Boyer, Chicago's foremost contralto, is soon to become the wife of the well-known habeas corpus lawyer, W. G. Anderson. Miss Boyer has a host of friends, who wish her a happy wedded life.

CINCINNATI, O.

The well-known soubrette, Miss Carrie Hall, and the Hamiltons are rehearsing a brand new act. They will work very hard to make it a winner for the big time. They have something never to be seen in vaudeville in these lines of amusement. It is an out-of-the-ordinary act. In what part of the East they will open the act is not yet known. Mr. Hamilton is getting busy with the agents. Miss Hall and Mrs. Hamilton are a great battery for Mr. Hamilton. They will be known as the Hamilton Trio—Hamilton, Hall and Hamilton.

NOTES FROM TERRY'S BIG TWO-CAR UNCLE TOM'S CABIN COMPANY.

The season will open April 27 at Little Sioux, Ia., for a Western trip this year. The colored people who will be with the show this year are: Nettie Barnett, Mattie Butler, J. W. Bebee, J. W. Beecher, Joe Perkins, Lankford and Lankford, Edwards and Edwards, and Robert Wilson will have charge of the dining car, this making his seventh year. Best regards to the Beechums, the Browns and Bonnie Clark.

JOHN LARKIN'S MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY.

Louisiana, Mo.

Special to The Freeman.

John Larkin's Musical Comedy Company showed here February 27 to a crowded house. We have this much to say: that John Larkin put on one of the most moral, clean and refined shows ever put on in our city. We can recommend this troupe of players as being among the best on the road. We welcome them back to our city again. Mr. Collins sens his best regards to Mr. Knox. Jno E. Lewis, tenor, is now playing with Jolly John Larkin's happy flock. Be sure and buy a Freeman from Wm. Braxton, 315 Maryland street.

"MY FRIEND FROM DIXIE"

Triumphs in Camden, N. J., at the Temple Theater.

A white publication has the following to say:

"My Friend from Dixie" again appeared on the boards of the Temple Theater, last night, before a large audience, and scored another triumph as the production did before. All old favorites remain intact and the company seemed to be exceptionally good last night.

The musical program is well balanced and composed of some very catchy airs that captivate the audience. Singers possessed with excellent voices render many beautiful selections and the colored artists were forced to respond to the loud applause.

Funnier comedians as carried with this elaborate production could not be imagined, and the dusky entertainers kept the audience laughing throughout the entire evening.

To Will Brown, in the role of Bill Simmons, or "Molasses Candy," as he is familiarly known, the stellar honors of the evening are given. The colored star is of the variety of Geo. "Nash" Walker, who died at his home in Kansas several months ago.

Hardly a regular theater-goer does not remember the team of Williams and Walker. Brown is the superior of the deceased Walker, he possessing the traits of a star, and as a colored entertainer he is without a doubt the cleverest Negro character trodding the boards to-day.

In Richard Shelton, who portrays the character of Jim Jackson Lee, a more humorous character could not be had. Shelton is a comedian of the first rank, and he is of the caliber of the famous Bert Williams. His "shifting feet" motion and actions caused roars of laughter, and both he and Brown are invincible in the ranks of the colored artists of the present day. "My Friend from Dixie" should do capacity business during the remaining days of the engagement.

WHAT ABOUT MR. JOEL?

WILMINGTON, N. C.—I would like to ask performers why it is they style Mr. Joel as the "Theatrical King?" Does he deserve this title? The reason for my interrogative is, I've read so much in the papers, particularly the Freeman, where some performer has praised Mr. Joel for his square deal to performers. Maybe they had a right to say so if he gave them one, but in my case I can say he did not give me a fair deal. It was anything but fair, pure and clean.

Mr. Joel engaged me from the Lyric Theater, Wilmington, N. C., to open at his house in Atlanta, Ga., on February 25. I asked him for contracts. He wrote and told me that he did not give contracts. I understood that most of the managers did not give contracts down South, but I thought as he calls himself the "Theatrical King" he would be armed with all such things. I sent my photograph to Mr. Joel, and tickets were to be placed Saturday so that my partner and myself could leave on Saturday night for Atlanta. At the very last minute Mr. Joel wrote me that, two years ago he had had to cancel the trio of Glenn, Edwards and Thornton which was booked there for six weeks, and only got three weeks. Two years ago he was in Jacksonville, Fla., and was associated with Glickstein. Today he is with Bailey at Atlanta, Ga. Today I am of Thornton and Long, and he is a "theatrical king." THORNTON LONG.

SEEN AND HEARD WHILE PASSING

By S. Tutt Whitney.

I wish to thank my many friends for their words of appreciation for the several articles the editor of The Freeman has kindly allowed me to contribute to the public, from time to time, through the medium of his valuable paper. If I have written anything that has proved amusing, enlightening and instructive, I am satisfied. I am not a critic. I simply write of things as I see and hear them. My paramount object is to bring about a better understanding and cement a closer relationship between the public and our great theatrical fraternity, that they may unite and work harmoniously, with one grand resolve, towards one common end—the complete emancipation of the Negro race.

Atlanta.

While in Atlanta I had the pleasure of meeting for the first time Mr. L. D. Joel, the "soi-disant" theatrical king. I found him to be a pleasant, intelligent conversationalist.

Mr. Joel is a white man, who has succeeded in forming a circuit of colored theaters, that is at present furnishing employment to many colored performers. He guarantees sixteen weeks' work to those that are competent. I have heard that he deals honestly with those in his employ and accords them the respect they merit. Regardless of color, we are bound to be grateful and appreciate what Mr. Joel is doing for the colored performer.

My first season South, while with the Black Patti Company, I saw the possibility of forming such a circuit. I wrote to Lester Walton. Together we tried to interest some colored man or men in the enterprise. Not one was found that was willing to take a chance. Now that a white man, as usual, has taken the chance and made good, some of these same colored men are raising a cry against white men gobbling up our colored enterprises. This is wrong; we should thank these white men for showing us the way, and not begrudge them their financial returns, for in nearly every instance colored men have had the first chance.

This brings us to speak of the embryonic Dudley chain or circuit of theaters. Three years ago, when Mr. Dudley and I were exploiting the Jolly Ethiopians, Mr. Dudley discussed with me the feasibility of such a circuit. Could the circuit have been formed at that time, Mr. Dudley proposed to be the general manager of the several theaters, while I was to be the general amusement director of the different companies playing over the circuit.

Now Mr. Dudley is planning on a larger scale, and proposes to incorporate a greater territory. The venture, if properly managed and financed, will so surely be a paying investment that I can't conceive why colored men with capital hesitate to risk their money.

Mr. Joel is also the owner of the beautiful Central Theater, in Atlanta, which is enjoying an unprecedented run of popularity under the amusement directorship of Billy King. Billy is a real comedian, combining intelligence with an innate sense of humor. He is also one of our very few genuine producers.

After many years a white theater has been placed at the disposal of the colored people of Atlanta. The Black Patti and the Smart Set companies, during their respective engagements in Atlanta, showed at the Orpheum Theater to crowded houses.

Chattanooga.

The Smart Set Company played a return engagement at the Lyric. Nearly the entire house was allotted to the colored patrons. Large crowds attended the matinee and night performances.

After the matinee Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Dudley served a turkey feast to several members of the company, including S. Tutt Whitney, J. Homer Tutt, Ethel Marshall, Babe Brown and Mabel Brown. Mr. Dudley is the happy owner of one of the finest homes in Chattanooga.

After the night show the entire company attended a special performance given by the Russell-Owen Stock and Vaudeville Company, at the Grand Theater.

Bob Russell stands for all that is highest and best in his profession. By hard, consistent and continued effort he has made his name a by-word in the South. His greatest fault is pardonable—his heart sometimes runs away with his head.

Billy Owens is quite the cutest, funniest little comedian I have ever seen. His singing of "I Knowed You When You Wuz Poor" was inimitable.

The performance was the best I have seen given by any stock company since I witnessed "My Friend from Georgia," by the old Pekin Stock Company.

The vaudeville bill included Tom Cross and Boots Allen, very funny; Hayden and Vaughn, good; Clifford Ross, an artist of exceptional merit, and Miss Tressie Legg, a clever dancer. In the one-act skit, written and staged by Mr. Russell, Miss Thompson made a very pretty and winsome leading lady, her singing captivating the entire company. Mrs Alice Russell and L. I. Fisher were deserving of special mention.

At the conclusion of the stock performance both companies were invited across the street to the East Side Pharmacy, by Drs. Allen and Wickliffe, proprietors. The East Side Pharmacy is without a doubt the largest, the prettiest, the most complete establishment of its kind in the country, owned and controlled by colored men.

The reception given to both companies was a complete surprise, therefore the more to be enjoyed. Refreshments were served in epicurean quantities. Young Jack Johnson, of pugilistic fame, was responsible for this part of the entertainment. Dr. Fryerson, dentist, was appointed toastmaster. He officiated with grace and dignity; also, he made a commendable address. Messrs. Allen, Wickliffe, Russell, Cross and Tutt responded.

After the speeches chairs were pushed aside, and everybody tripped the light fantastic toe, until the wee sma' hours. Just before leaving Dr. Wickliffe started that beautiful hymn, "God be with you till we meet again." The entire company joined in the refrain, hand clasps were exchanged, laughter and tears commingled. All hearts were happy, saddened only, momentarily, by the thought that some there would never meet again.

MR. DUDLEY ANSWERED.

Mr. Dudley, the recognized leader of Negro actors, has written a remarkable letter and challenged the Negroes of certain cities to build theaters, promising them financial success. Negro men of money are afraid to invest too much money, depending upon negroes for support. I have spent thousands of dollars on my race, fighting for their civil and practical rights, building up business establishments that might not only compete with whites, but surpassing them, and today I have an establisment of funeral directors whose entire equipment, paraphernalia and furnishings suprass any hereabouts and, but for the fact that I am suceeding, I should say my people do not give me the deserved support. I do not mean, either, that my place is simply one where only an office, a phone, a call buggy, a few loading boards constitute my stock and store, but numbers of funeral cars, made by the master builders of the world; carriages, consisting of Landau, Berlin, brougham makes; flower wagon, ambulance, show and display rooms, where dozens of caskets are shown; morgue, chapel, etc.; horses of Arabian and other breeds, with everything incidental to the business, all on my own land, in the heart of the city. In the beautiful city of Nashville, with Fisk University, Meharry Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical College; Roger Williams University and excellent private and public schools, men and women of wealth, culture and refinement had to go to the gallery and out an alley to go to the theater, or had to stand on the street and "rubber neck" to see a moving picture. I have often been humiliated at the sight and even people who owned their carriages were seen to stop in the streets and peep in the moving picture shows, when the torrid weather kept the doors open. Occasionaly the local papers would abuse our people for going to the peanut gallery, but what was the remedy? I asked a score of men of means to join with me and build a theater. The reply would invariably be, "Don't think it will pay." There are thousands of prosperous Negroes, who have made their thousands off the Negro, who clothe themselves in plushes and fine linen and never look at the rungs of the ladder upon which they climbed to wealth. I felt it was the duty of the prosperous Negroes to build the race a theater—I then felt that it was my duty and I built it. The Majestic Theater stands down in the heart of the city of Nashville. It is just one and one-half blocks from the State Capitol buildin, two blocks from Nashville's new million dollar hotel, across the street from another big hotel, on-half block from the Union street car station, where every car in Nashville passes through on every trip. It is one and one-half blocks from the Municipal building and within three blocks of every national bank in Nashville. Imagine what a location like that would mean to any city Mr. Dudley has named—or, for that matter, any city in the Union—and it will readily be seen that the Negro is no talker, but a doer. The Majestic can comfortably seat above one thousand. It has all the modern improvements, such as procession arch with sounding box, state boxes, well-arranged balcony, with a wall of twenty-six feet from the orchestra to the top, tastefully decorated with bass relief and new scenery from one of the best studios in the country. There has been installed a Ravus machine of the latest model, and we are advised that it is superior to anything owned by a Negro in the entire country. With a population of 35,000, with no othed cent place of amusement, the success of this place will be either an incentive or the opposite to Negroes of means building theaters for Negro talent. The race has not developed to the corporation point. You just can not get any two men together to build a theater, to say nothing of a joinst stock company. Mr. Church, of Memphis and Mr. Motts, of Chicago, were pioneers in the line. They didn't have an outside dollar invested with them. The Majestic has not, and there will not be, more than one man who will build a theater. White men can form stock companies, but the Negro can not. He is mentally afraid he'll lose. It is a pity, too, that the wealthy didn't have some of the daring chance spirit of the fellow who has just a few dimes and is never afraid to put in motion an ivory cube with ebony eyes. If Mr. Dudley will get his blacks together and put up some good shows it looks already to us that he has somewhat of a good proposition. There is the Pekin in Chicago, there is the Crown Garden in Indianapolis, certainly out of date, but where I stopped in that city on a cold Saturday night in January. No mean crowd filled the house. Louisville has a pretty fair house—certainly Mr. Church has a splendid theater in Memphis. Now that we have the Majestic here, it occurs that by a united effort we could make such a showing that the men of means in Birminghom, Montgomery, Selina, Mobile, New Orleans, Vicksburg, Meridian, Atlanta, Chattanooga and Knoxville would put up theaters. I know personally several individual men in these towns who have the spare money who could built the race a theater if they were convinced that it would pay. Ninety per cent. of Negroes of means obtained their heoldings by excessive energy, strictest economy and sound judgment, and will be slow to hazard too much upon the average performer. Mr. Dudley will do his profession much good if he will continue this publicity. The Freeman is the best friend the Negro has ever had and the business men are attracted to its columns for what they want. Let them give it their staunch support and the amount of good it will do the profession will be incalculable.—A. N. JOHNSON, Proprietor the Majestic Theater, Nashville, Tenn.

JACK POWELL AND BAND VISIT THE CITY.

Seventeenth Season with "In Old Kentucky."

Commencing Thursday, February 15, and winding up on Saturday, February 17, "In Old Kentucky" played one of the largest three days' engagements at the Park theater that has been done here this season despite the age of this famous old Southern drama. The colored population was on tip-toe and turned out in large numbers, especially to see Prof. John M. Powell, better known as "Sterling Jack Powell," and his famous Wangdoodle band, and those who went came away as much pleased as if they had heard Sousa and his organization in one of those exquisite programs. There is no mistake in the fact that Prof. Powell has one of the best juvenile organizations now traveling, for even the most casual observer en passante was attracted by the mellow strains that came from the instruments of those eighteen well-trained youths. Unlike most of our traveling bands, Prof. Powell, has taught the Wangdoodles that the note that carries sweetness is that which is played carefully, soft and low. At no time does he allow any player to drown out the other, which is, seemingly, a mistake very often made by most of our other musical organizations. He has you to know that he wants harmony rather than noise and that is the reason he has been successful for lo, these many years, as a bandmaster. Jack Powell was born and reared in this city, and about seventeen years ago he joined "In Old Kentucky," company and he has not missed a season since. He has seen a half dozen owners and managers come and go, but through his honesty of purpose, reliability and capability as a manager and master of musicians, he has held his post most admirably. During these years he has trained hundreds of our young men and many of them are today our leading musicians, some serving as bandmasters and conductors of orchestras in various parts of the United States. It is to be admitted that "In Old Kentucky" is a drama of much dramatic merit, but it could not have held the boards the many years that it has had it not been for the clever acting of Powell's organizations in the second and third acts in this time-honored play.

Conspicuous in the colored organization this season are Mose Birk and Joe Grundy. Mr. Birk is an exceptionally clever buck and wing dancer, as well as a good cornetist, and gets the hands as he merits them. Joe Grundy, who comes from a family of real performers, is doing splendid work as drum major and buck and wing dancer. Powell has the best pickaninny act and band ever seen on any stage and should be well received everywhere.

NEW CIRCLE THEATER, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

We just closed the biggest week in the history of this house. We were compelled to do four shows and then turn many away nightly. The magnets were none other than Gilmore, Kinky and Gilmore and the famous Cubanola Trio. Others on the bill were Epps and Loretta and the Misses Hackless and Nichols. Notwithstanding Mrs. Gilmore met with a painful accident, dislocating one knee, on Tuesday last, she sat at the piano, played and sang her songs, and danced as if she was in the land of joy. Too much cannot be said of Buddie Gilmore and little Kinky, who did their specialties to many recalls. On the whole, the act more than deserves the salary they demand. The famous Cubanola Trio repeated what they have so often done before—two and three encores and several bows at each performance. Miss Laura Bailey, Mamie Butler and Edith Humphries have wonderful voices, and melody reigned supreme. The trio opens for Manager Dempsey, in Cincinnati, next week. Misses Hackless and Nichols, in "A Mother's Love," went well. Miss Nichols, as the mother, danced until it made the audience perspire to watch her. Geo. Epps, assisted by Miss Loretta, presented a study in ebony that went with a bank. Mr. Epps is fat and funny, and will star alone next season with the Thisis Burlesque Company. The following are billed to appear next week: Gilmore Trio, Griffin Sisters, Thomas and Ward, Brown and Brown, Wheeler and Johnson. Geo. Bundy, the amusement director, has recovered and is out again.

"SMART SET" ENJOYED BY LARGE AUDIENCE AT ATLANTA, GA.

The Atlanta Constitution has the following to say of the Smart Set company in the "Mayor of Newtown." Coming unsolicited from the most conservative paper in the South, it means much to the colored people of Atlanta and oclored companies playing Atlanta:

"Atlanta Afro-American population enjoyer its season of "grand opera" last night at the Orpheum theater. It saw the "Smart Set," which to said A.-A. population is about the classiest of the classy. It saw S. Tutt Whitney, who in A.-A. circles is somewhat of an Enrico Caruso.

"A very top-heavy house saw the performance. Some few white people were on the lower floor and there were througs of negroes in the galleries. Both seemed to enjoy the performance.

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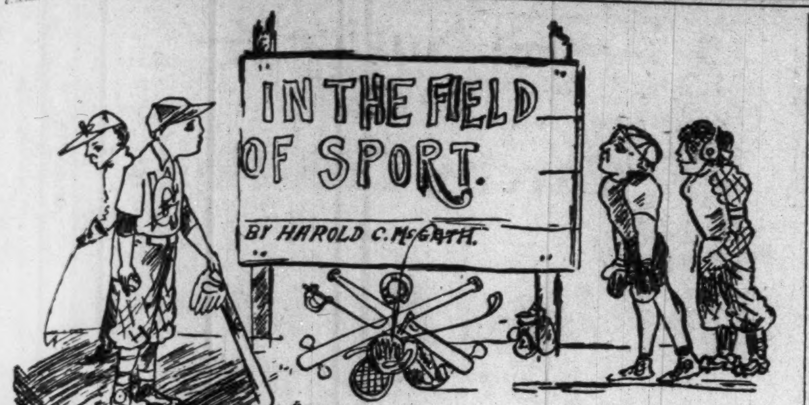
IN THE FIELD OF SPORT.
BY HAROLD C. McGRATH

Why not a chain of baseball cities? Why not several of them. Now's the time for action.

Baseball is beginning to take on life down about the strawberry line. Florida has had some games. The season promises to be a good one.

In his boxing exhibition with Lowery, a colored welterweight, in Indianapolis, last week, Saylor unintentionally uncorked a Fitzsimmons blow which landed on Lowery's solar plexus and put the colored fighter to sleep for the five-minute count. Nobody waited to give Lowery the count, for it was all they could do to revive him. When Lowery came to his senses Saylor said: "I hated to do that to Lowery. I meant to save that punch for Donahue Wednesday night." Lowery said: "I bought a pair of shoestrings for a cross-eyed girl and I thought that would cause me to have good luck, but it didn't."

Bob Fitzsimmons, who was at a local theater in St. Louis last week, said that he would like to get hold of Carl Morris for three months. He declared: "It'll take me only three months to get him in shape to whip Johnson. I know what to teach him, and, believe me, I'm the one who can make him fight. But I'll tell you what I'd like to do," continued Fitz. "If not Morris, I would like to find a good young fellow, weighing a little more than two hundred pounds, who is ambitious. I'd like to take him to teach him the game. I'll bet that inside of three months I could have him in shape to whip Johnson." "Isn't three months rather a short time to prepare a youngster for a battle?" Fitz was asked. "No, siree," he replied.

THE QUALITIES FOR A FIGHTER.

(The Argus, Melbourne, Australia.)

The ideal evolutionary stage for the production of the champion boxer is capable of definition. You want a man near enough in physique to the savage to be strong and lithe, active and powerful. He should be able to leap swiftly like a cat, to deal the lightning strokes of a panther. Next, if he is to fulfill the condition of endurance against the blows which he will receive, he ought to be far enough down in the scale of human development to be blunt-nerved. If he is a highly-strung, finely sensitive piece of nervous mechanism, a tap upon his solar plexus or upon the point of his jaw will work too swift and sure an effect, and he will "go out" while the seconds check counts ten. The third necessary ingredient in his composition is this: that civilized environment must have worked sufficiently upon his intelligence to make him quick at learning "the science of fight," as it has been developed within a code of rules. With this intellectual addition to his physical qualities he understands "ring tactics," besides the art of placing his blows properly. A modicum of every-day pluck may be added to this three-fold equipment, and there you have a man who ought to win in the ring against any other human creature of his own size and weight. He will beat men nearer to the savage than himself because of their inferior intelligence. He will beat men further advanced in evolution and civilization because his nervous system is less delicate than theirs, and "shock" is less dangerous to him than to them. Now, having described how the champion pugilist should be constructed, we find the most luxuriant field for his growth among the American Negroes. They revert fairly frequently to a physical type possessing the combination of strength and suppleness and agility which exists in the animals of the forest; the nervous sensitiveness of the type is not acute, and the civilized life of the United States educates their intelligence so as to make them formidable in "scientific boxing." The chances are that the American Negroes, limited though their numbers are, will produce more human beings fitted for champion glove fighting than will the Anglo-Saxon race, and the chances are helped by the fact that in the United States boxing attracts more athletes than it does in other countries. The old traditions of Anglo-Saxon supremacy in fisticuffs make it mournful to have to conclude that the Negro is likely to get the best of it inside the ropes, and the conclusion is the sadder because the game has been such a fine one, and is still the most splendid spectacle of muscular energy in all athletics. For those who have admired the spectacle, the worst is this, that long-sustained victory for the Negro in the prize ring will make the glove contest less interesting to the white races, whether it ought to do so or not. And that prospect seems to be before us.

Another fact to remember is that the age-long arrested development of the Negro's mental state is everywhere showing signs of breaking up. The black and colored races are steadily beginning to acquire a sense of color nationality, and to improve or organize their limited intellectual resources. Because they are, mentally speaking, children, every appearance of social recognition by white men fills them with ambition; and every time they hear of the vanquishment of a white man by a black they are animated with an almost insane delight. Britain, who rules over more than 300,000,000 colored people, found it absolutely necessary a little while ago to prohibit prize fighting between black men and whites.

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REG. L. (SNOWY) BAKER.

Referee of McVea-Langford Fight Gives His Impressions.

(From Snowy Baker's Magazine.)

It was the best contest I've ever refereed or witnessed.

Both McVea and Langford were symbols of fairness and gallantry in their tactics. I did not see a semblance of questionable methods during the whole of the twenty grueling rounds.

As men and athletes any country might be justly proud of two such chivalrous and manly fellows, regardless of creed or color.

It seems a pity that such true athletes could not both be awarded the coveted honor of victory in the magnificent struggle decided on Boxing Day. But it could not be. The better boxer had to receive his due.

A few days prior to the contest it had been my privilege to see both McVea and Langford training. What I saw was not sufficiently strenuous to enable me to form a sound opinion as to their actual physical condition. Yet what I saw was enough to convince me that the battle would be a great one. And it was.

Since the clang of the final gong at the Stadium, quite a number of people have expressed their disappointment at the contest not being as interesting as they had expected.

Nor was it in a certain sense. Yet had these self-same people been in a position to see the clever warding off of blows by head and shoulder moves, arm and hand blocks, body work and foot work (a great amount of which the skillful boxer does instinctively), he would have gone away delighted with the extraordinarily skillful exhibition of scientific boxing that was the outstanding feature of the contest.

These, partly premeditated, but mostly sub-conscious, moves of attack and defense were very much in evidence during this famous "All Black" encounter.

Therefore, the seeming lack of outstanding points of cleverness is eloquent testimony of a masterly exhibition of ringcraft in all its phases—an excellence gained by years of practice with similarly skilled opponents, plus the developed ability of a natural boxer.

The forceful and aggressive methods adopted by Langford are the tactics naturally suited to his build. He did not show the instinctive breast-work for avoiding knocks that McVea did. Instead, he seemed content to take all that was about, provided it enabled him to get in close enough to be at short range.

Langford, like Burns, is ideally built for close work. It was the short range position he was always striving for when opposed.

The left swing to the body showed out most prominently in Langford's attack. I'm sure every ounce of his strength is behind that punch. His right jolt, which he used at the middle, when close in, is also an awe-inspiring wallop.

Langford's right uppercut would be a whole power in itself under rules permitting infighting. This was the punch that badly cut the inside of McVea's lip in an early stage of the contest.

Langford also used a right chop over to McVea's ear and jaw when they were clinched. Unfortunately for the "little giant," these did not count as points. The same must also be said of the right uppercut and a number of other punches executed by both men when in clinches.

Under the rigid requirements enforced by the police, all attempts at infighting are barred. The regulations are unnecessarily extreme. Nevertheless, they have to be obeyed. Therefore, it would be impossible to award any points for work performed in clinches.

Langford boxed a lot for openings to bang his mighty right across. He frequently used a straight low left lead to McVea's body as a means to this end. Luckily for McVea, he seemed to have a previous knowledge of the move, and would not uncover or come over to it.

The winner's work was great in both defense and attack. His defense in some of the hottest moments was superb.

The left hook, or full-arm twist, that was in evidence in his Sydney contest with Lester, was again his principal weapon of attack. It was the first punch struck in the fight. It was its repeated continuance, as the drop of water on stone, that brought Langford's eye to the swollen and blinded condition.

With such blows landing continually on Langford's left temple, it is remarkable that the skin did not burst. Had it done so it would have restored the use of the optic to Langford, but on the other hand there would be the inconvenient trickle of blood to contend with.

Langford was sometimes successful in blocking this damaging full-arm left jolting by means of his right forearm held perpendicularly a few inches from the right side of his head. But more often the winner's powerful left found its mark.

There were times when I saw McVea's left hand in position and Langford's right block as just described also held ready. Yet McVea would let go and get through the shorter man's guard.

Like most good and telling blows, McVea's extraordinary left does not travel far. The left arm is held out at full length at height of shoulder, or higher, apparently rigid, and when the brain signals, the arm and hand are turned inward and come downward from the shoulder with lightning rapidity. At the same instant, the left shoulder is lifted upward and forward, and at that precise fraction of a second the weight of the body is thrown in the punch. The elbow seems to rise a little above the fist, and by this means the knuckles connect squarely onto the spot of contact. It is a master punch. More boxers should develop it. It's a most valuable boxing asset.

McVea's short right cross, when it is used, is delivered in finished style. It seems to be lying idly in the vicinity of the owner's chest. Suddenly it comes across and down like an arrow onto his opponent's jaw.

It is most remarkable that Langford took these powerful smashes without the slightest change of expression. Sam Langford is a physical freak for assimilating punishment. I saw some terrific blows landed on both sides of the jaw of this physical marvel. And he never as much as blinked an eyelid.

With all his concentrated power, McVea landed a couple of right uppercuts on Langford's jaw, and had no more effect on this physical phenomenon than a jug of water has on the Pacific.

I had been told that, notwithstanding McVea's greater height and poundage, Langford was the stronger. My experience points otherwise. In separating and pulling them apart in clinches it was at once apparent that the bigger man was also much the stronger.

A fact to be borne in mind, which does not allow of judging their relative strength, as well as might be otherwise, is that when at close quarters McVea is ever ready with muscles and nerves tensed. But, in a simliar position, Langford is awaiting with relaxed muscles.

Again, in the clinches, McVea proved himself an enormously strong man. At times Langford would struggle to free himself, but he was held as though in a vise.

McVea's foot work is of the first order. His back moving and side-stepping take him out of many awkward corners.

And so the skilled, ever alert, hard-hitting boxer McVea fairly and cleverly defeated the powerful, naturally clever, and ever aggressive Langford, under conditions of no infighting and clean break rule, in every respect favoring the former, and in direct opposition to the latter's natural method of battle.

BURNS THINKS LANGFORD WON.

Wish Father of the Thought—Wanted to Challenge the "Boston Tar Baby."

"Gol Gol" writes: If correctly reported, Burns, in an interview with your reporter, said Baker's decision in the McVea-Langford boxing contest was absolutely the worst decision it had been his lot to witness. Further on in the same interview Burns is reported to have said: "If the fight had been given to him (Langford), he would have been the world's champion, and I would have boxed him and made an attempt to get the championship back for the white race from that good little fellow Sam." Burns says he was ready to start training to-day for a match with Langford, if he had won. Why not start to-morrow, or even the next day, to train for a match with McVea, who, according to Burns' opinion, was beaten by Langford. He would then, if successful, "get the championship back for the white race from that good big fellow Sam," and no one would grudge him—according to Burns' opinion—the lighter job. Of course, there is the further question as to whether Burns is any more correct in saying that "if the fight had been given to Langford he would have been the world's champion," that he is in saying Baker's decision was bad. Has Burns already forgotten the existence of one Jack Johnson? With regard to Burns' suggested change of referee, I venture to predict that Mr. McIntosh will not underestimate the value of Baker's services. He is generally acknowledged to be one of the best referees in the world, thoroughly experienced, well known to the public, and always a "straight goer." What would the contests at the Stadium be without such a man? It would be difficult to replace him satisfactorily.

M. J. G. writes: It is hoped that your numerous readers who read "Tommy" Burns' criticism of "Snowy" Baker's decision in the McVea-Langford fight will not take the ex-champion's views seriously. Burns says if Langford had won he would have been prepared to try and recover the championship for the white race. Such a statement is inconsistent with his previous determination on several occasions to retire from the ring on account of an injury to his leg sustained in America, and which he emphatically told the public would not stand the strain of training for a fight. No doubt he now feels disappointed and sore because the opportunity to rake in a few thousand more Australian dollars has been lost to him because Langford lost. If the last named is a better boxer than McVea, then why not challenge the latter—it would be so much easier than conquering Langford. The ex-champion says there will be no fight on New Year's night between Lester and Dave Smith if Baker is selected as referee. Perhaps "Tommy" thinks, with a good many judges of boxing, that Lester has no possible chance of defeating Smith, or is he afraid of losing the £250 deposit as a guarantee that Lester will not weigh more than 12st 7lb at the ringside?

GETTING READY FOR THE BASEBALL SEASON.

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—The Memphis Tigers have organized for the season of 1912 under the management of Jim Gorner. Mr. Gorner has secured the beautiful Klondike Park, owned and controlled by colored people only. It has a new grandstand with a seating capacity of 2,000.

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JOHNSON-FLYNN FIGHT DATE.

July the Month, 24th the Day—At or Near Wendover, Utah.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah.—Jim Flynn and Jack Johnson will meet in a twenty-round bout for the heavyweight championship of the world at or near Wendover, Utah, on July 24. This is the substance of an announcement made last week by persons who are financially interested in the venture with Jack Curley.

The statement was made after the information was received here from Carson City, Nev., that the legislature did not take up before its adjournment the proposed repeal of the law permitting championship boxing matches in Nevada.

Business men interested in the promotion of the fight will hold a meeting. It is understood the arena will be erected across the Nevada line, within a few rods from the Wendover (Utah) depot.

McVEA'S INTENTIONS.

Ranch For His Father.

Sydney, Australia.—Billy McClain, manager for Sam McVea, has received a cable from Max Sergy, the well-known boxing promoter of Belgium and France, expressing pleasure that Mr. H. D. McIntosh had decided to accept the liberal offers made, and stage the world's championship contest in Paris on the night of the Grand Prix.

Since the Parisian idol defeated Langford in Sydney, his stock has risen considerably among the enthusiastic Parisians, who hope that the meeting with Johnson, under the direction of Mr. McIntosh, will provide the realization of his one great desire to wear the insignia of the champion heavyweight boxer of the world.

McClain informed an "Evening News" representative that those in a position to know say that the contest will be witnessed by fully 100,000 patrons of the noble art. Under these circumstances, it is easy to understand the reason for the change of location of the contest.

McVea intends t return to Paris by way of America, directly after the forthcoming contest. He hopes to pick up a number of contests from San Francisco to New York, including engagements with Joe Jeannette, Pueblo Flynn, Bombadier Wells and Palzer, who has just defeated Kaufman.

There are many offers for matches being made to McVea, but as Mr. McIntosh is mapping out the campaign, it is not likely that Manager McClain will consider efforts to secure mtches.

During his visit to America, McVea will grasp the oportunity presented to visit his old home at Qulere, Cal., where it is his intention to comfortably install his father in a ranch. "This ranch," added McClain, "will form the nucleus of Sam's estate when his retirement from the ring is heralded. McVea already has sent instructions to purchase the necessary stock for the farm, and he hopes to have a good foundation. When Sam is through, I am through, too. It has been my great ambition to see McVea champion of the world, and I have a feeling that my ambition is about to be realized."

Making reference to the referee of the big match, McClain expressed the opinion that Eugene Corrie, would, no doubt, be selected by Mr. Hugh D. McIntosh, but personally we have, and so have all the boxing enthusiasts of Paris, such confidence in Mr. McIntosh himself that it would give us a great deal of pleasure if he could be prevailed upon to be the "third man" in the ring. Of course, if it was possible for Mr. McIntosh to induce Mr. "Snowy" Baker to go, satisfaction alone would result. I have seen the famous Australian referee in the ring on a number of occasions now, and I am satisfied he is just about as capable as you find them."

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason and daughter Edna left Monday to join a theatrical troupe at Reed City....Rev. Weller, of South Bend, Ind., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. Corbin....Stanley Barnett, Jr., is sick at his home, the Stanford Hotel. ....Those reported on the sick list: Mrs. Bertha Cross and baby, Garrel.... The Right Thinking Afro-American Literary Society of Arnett Chapel meets every Friday at 8 o'clock. All are invited....Mr. P. Smith, of Ninth street, was called to Flint, Saturday, to attend his son Arthur, who was seriously burned.

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CITY AND VICINITY.

The candy sale at school No. 17 netted $10.80.

The "Crisis" on sale at the Eureka Drug Store.

Mr. Stanley Jennings spent a few days in the city this week.

Mr. Arthur Williams leaves tonight for a visit to Chicago.

Grand musical and dramatic entertainment at Simpson Chapel, March 21st.

After a few days' illness Mrs. R. Byron Shelton is able to be out again.

Miss Alice Dudley entertained Aid No. 1 of Simpson Chapel, Thursday evening.

Mr. Ernest Mays, of Anderson, Ind., was in the city Wednesday on business.

A program was rendered at the closing of the night school at No. 42, Friday evening.

The Keneida Whist Club was entertained Friday by Mrs. Bybee, in Missouri street.

Mrs. Henry Smith, of Chicago, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. C. Knox, in Vermont street.

The Bachelors' Club dance, at the K. of P. Hall, last Friday evening, was a brilliant success.

Don't fail to hear Master Theodore Clay in Dunbar selections at Simpson Chapel, March 21st.

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Mr. Radford Davis, of New York, was the guest of his sister and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Will Morris this week.

The Ladies Auxiliary, of Lincoln Hospital, will entertain at whist and dancing Monday evening at Dumas Club.

Mr. Virgil Bell, of this city, died in California last Friday. His remains will be brought to Indianapolis for burial.

The church will tender Rev. Skelton, the pastor, and family a reception Thursday night, the 14th, at Simpson chapel.

Mrs. Board, No. 2518 Ethel avenue, gave a social Saturday evening for the benefit of the poor children of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. James Adams, in Camp St., entertained at dinner Sunday, Rev. and Mrs. Skelton and Rev. and Mrs. Tate.

Mrs. Mamie Gibson and Mrs. Fannie Caldwell were called to Louisville, Ky., on account of the death of Teeter Brown.

The man who advertises in The Freeman gets good results, while the man who does not is always kicking about hard times.

Miss Eva Ealey entertained the Terpsichorean Sorority at the home of Mrs. Roberts, in California street, Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Carrie Ross made a grand speech at St. Paul A. M. E. church Tuesday, on "What the Home Missionary Society, is doing for the Colored Race."

Mr. Charles H. Cook, of 852 W. 10th St., entertained at a smoker in honor of Wm. H. Levells, of 552 W. 13th street, who will leave for Tacoma, Wash., in a few days.

Some of the musical members to appear at Simpson Chapel March 21st are: Master Noble Smith, solo; Ethical Glee Club, Ethical Quartette and the Hoosier Mixed Quartette.

Miss Nellie Prentiss sang "If I Forget," in a fetching way, last Tuesday evening, at Barnes Chapel, Indianapolis. Mrs. Britt, another vocalist of ability, also appeared on the program.

The Dunbar Dramatic Club, of Phillips chapel, rendered the play the "New Minister," Monday night to an appreciative audience. Rev. Thompson and his club should be secured by others.

Dr. DuBois, the noted speaker and author will lecture on "Higher Education" at Bethel A. M. E. church March 29th. This will be a literary feast and all should take this opportunity to hear the foremost educational leader.

Mrs. Frances E. Broyles, 72 years old, widow of the late Rev. Moses Broyles, died at the home of Mrs. Rachel Gregory, 542 Massachusetts avenue, this week. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Mary B. Hitchens and Mrs. Emma Davis, and a son, Joseph H. Broyles.

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Madame C. J. Walker, of 640 North West street, after a successful three weeks' visit at Tuskegee Institute, Ala., is at New Orleaens, La., with headquarteres at the Colored Y. M. C. A. rooms, where she has a large class of ladies learning the C. J. Walker system of hair work.

SIMPSON CHAPEL M. E. CHURCH.

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The fourth quarterly meeting will be held Sunday. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., by Rev. D. E. Skelton, D. S., and at 3 p. m., by Rev. J. R. Harvey, pastor of Allen Chapel A. M. E. Church. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.; Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. A candle light service will be held during the league hour. Mrs. B. Tribble and Mrs. Mollie McCowan are appointed to take the quarterly collection. Each member is to give 50 cents.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

At the "Monster Meeting" of the Colored Men's Branch of the Y. M. C. A., Sunday, a platform meeting will be conducted. The meetings are now being held at the association building, at West North and California streets. The Y. M. C. A. Orchestra will give a musical program. All men are invited to attend. Meeting starts promptly at 3 o'clock.

The Tuesday night Bible class meets each Tuesday at 6:30 p. m., and continues to attract the attention of the best thinking men of the city. Supper is served at 6:30 p. m. and class session is from 7 to 8 p. m. Rev. Weaver is the teacher. All men are invited to attend, irrespective of their religious belief.

The boys' Bible class is held regularly every Friday night at 8 o'clock. Any boy from twelve to eighteen years of age is invited to attend. The theme being discussed is "The Travels of Paul."

Now is the time to take out your membership. The old rate of $2 per year still holds good.

"Gym" classes are conducted each Monday and Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock.

THE FINAL VISIT OF BISHOP GEO. L. BLACKWELL, D. D.

Bishop G. L. Blackwell, D. D., of the Ninth Episcopal District of the A. M. E. Zion Church, beginning March 6, 1912, and ending March 11, will deliver a series of sermons. On March 6, at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m., he will preach, as he usually does, at Jones Tabernacle, North and Blackford streets.

The members seem to be vieing with each other in paying their "dollar money." The officers have arranged to have the bishop and presiding elder give each member a general fund receipt, which injects a great deal of interest, in the latter part of the service. May we insist that all the members, who can, be present and hear and speak to the bishop, even if you have not all of your "dollar money," as this will be his last visit, for this quadrennium at least. The public is asked to avail itself also of this, the last, opportunity this quadrennium, to hear our good bishop, and if you can do so without any great deal of inconvenience you will be made welcome.

Your pastor,
REV. W. J. ROWAN.

The dual anniversary of Rev. Rowan, observed by the members and friends of Jones Tabernacle, March 4, 1912, was a grand success. A fuller account will appear next week. Thanks to one and all.
PASTOR.

A TIMELY LECTURE.

Barnes Chapel, North Indianapolis—Rev. Thomas Prentiss, Pastor.

Rev. Dr. Skelton, superintendent of the M. E. Church, delivered an interesting lecture at Barnes Chapel, last Tuesday evening. Subject, "Get a Mule."

The speaker got much out of his subject. He said that the average well-bred mule was worth about $250. He thought it was the duty of every man who has reached forty-five years of age to have the mule or its price—either cash or the equivalent in goods, houses, land, etc.

The talk was sensible, plain and suitable to the needs of the race. He referred especially to the young Negro men, telling them of the things that they can do in order to accumulate wealth. Rev. Skelton was nothing visionary when he insisted on the strapping young fellows leaving the haunts of idleness and going to the fields, where they should stake off claims and work them. Here was sure success, he insisted. Prejudice does not attack farm produce. High living, he insisted, was because men are forsaking the farms. All wish to get in the swirl of city life, with its moth and the flame phases.

The talk was well received.

CHURCH CAMPAIGN.

Members of the Second Baptist church are planning a great campaign, which they expect to launch in a few days. The purpose of the campaign is to raise funds for erecting a new building at the old site, on Michigan street, between Indiana avenue and North West street. The white Baptist churches of this city have indorsed this movement on the part of the church and are ready to assist when called upon, besides other denominations, both white and colored, have expressed their willingness to aid such movements. The superintendent of the Baptist City Mission Society of Indianapolis and Marion county has expressed himself as heartily in favor of such movement and will give it every aid possible.

Fro more than two weeks the church has been busy organizing her teams, and under the generalship of their able pastor, Dr. B. J. Prince and the wise leadership of Mr. Joseph Broyles, the chairman, it has perfected an organization consisting of fifteen teams, each team numbering not less than five, including their captains. These teams meet every Monday evening to submit reports and get instructions. Great interest is shown on the part of each captain and worker as the time approaches. The campaign will be launched on the 25th of this month, March, and wil last for thirty days.

LITERARY SOCIETY OF SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH.

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The meeting of the society last week was a marked success, and we feel that our efforts along this line have not been in vain.

The subject of debate—"Resolved, That the Negro has the proper conception of Religion," was very creditably handled by the Hon. Board and Mr. Geo. Ferguson on the affirmative, and Messrs. McAllister and McAllister on the negative; affirmative winning by a very narrow margin.

The society was highly honored by the presence of the Hon. Geo. L. Knox, who gave an interesting and instructive lecture upon the Negro in the various stages of development, which was greatly appreciated by the audience.

Each subsequent meeting will be made as interesting as possible, and the program for next Tuesday night will consist of solos and recitations from Dunbar and Shakespeare. The presence of the Hon. Gurley Brewer will add great interest to this meeting and every one is cordially invited to be present.

Mr. Geo. W. D. Norris, president; Mrs. Janie Smith Norris, mistress of ceremonies.

CENTRALIA, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Miss Bertha Shaw, of Mt. Vernon, Ill., is here visiting her sister, Mrs. W. Lewis....Mr. C. Mosley is on the sick list....Miss A. Leak is progressing finely with her camera and music....Mr. Z. Offored is up again, after an illness....Ed Simpson will soon master the cornet....The Troubadours are having their own time every evening....Fred Ricks is on the sick list....J. H. Mitchel had a valuable overcoat stolen from him....Miss M. and Miss M. E. Campbell, two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. A. Campbell, are on the sick list....Mrs. E. M. Mattison, of Chicago, Ill., formerly of Centralia, is now touring the South....Mrs. M. Porter has just returned from Owensboro, Ky., where she has been visiting relatives and friends. She was accompanied by her daughter, Miss Bernice....Mrs. J. Ewing, of Richview, Ill., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. Arnold. She has a very sick child....A son of Mr. and Mrs. Ewing is very ill....Mr. T. W. Hinds is down with the rheumatism....Mr. R. King is laid up with rheumatism....It is said too many leap year parties are not good for rheumatism.

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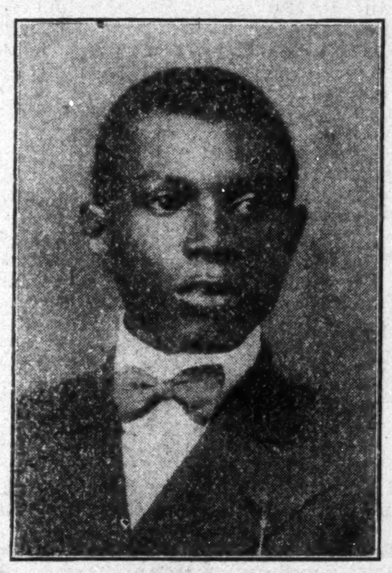

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